

# HIGHLAND CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**March 2024**

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

As we continue through the Lenten season, I want to encourage you to take this opportunity to renew your spiritual mind. As we turn from sin and draw nearer to God, we feel His presence through His grace, forgiveness, and transforming power. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, we are renewed in our faith, restored in our relationship with God, and empowered to live more fully for Him.

In times that leave us feeling weary, stagnant, or distant from God, He invites us to experience a profound spiritual transformation from within, one that breathes new life into our souls and renews our hearts.

The first step toward spiritual renewal is recognizing our need for it. Just as physical tiredness calls for rest, our souls can become weary and burdened by sin, distractions, or the challenges of life. Acknowledge the areas in your life that may need renewal and approach God with an open heart, ready to receive His transforming grace. In Psalm 51, David acknowledges his need for renewal and asks God to create a pure heart within him. By humbling ourselves before God, confessing our sins, and seeking His forgiveness, we invite His reviving presence to cleanse and restore us.

Spiritual renewal involves a restoration of our relationship with God. Sin creates distance between us and God; repentance paves the way for reconciliation. As we turn away from our old ways and surrender our hearts to God, He not only forgives us but also restores our intimacy with Him.

The Holy Spirit plays a vital role in our spiritual renewal. Yielding to the Holy Spirit enables us to experience a transformation from within. By submitting to His guidance, we receive His power to overcome sin, develop spiritual fruit, and live in accordance with God's will. Seeking the Holy Spirit's influence will shape our thoughts, attitudes, and actions.

Spiritual renewal is nurtured through intentional practices. Engage in disciplines such as prayer, meditation, fasting, and studying Scripture. These practices create space for God to speak and work in our lives, fostering growth, and renewal. Explore various spiritual disciplines and find what resonates with you, allowing them to guide your journey of renewal.

A heart renewed by God's grace overflows with gratitude and a desire to serve others. As we align our lives with God's purposes and love, we discover the joy of selfless service. Embrace the opportunities to love and serve those around you, sharing the transformative power of God's love through acts of kindness, compassion, and generosity.

As we open our hearts to God and invite Him to renew us from within, we embark on a transformative journey. Spiritual renewal is a continuous process, requiring our willingness to surrender to God's work in our lives. May you seek and experience the beauty of spiritual renewal, allowing God to revive, restore, and renew your heart. Embrace the power of His presence and live as a living testimony to His transforming grace.

### **Women's Ministry**

CPWM met Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall. We reviewed the current directory and were able to eliminate those who were deceased, moved out of town, or transferred to other churches. We also prepared a calendar for potlucks and other special events for 2024. Our calendar for 2024 includes:

Potlucks - April 7, July 7, October 6

Special Events

Lip Sync - June 2

Highland C.P. Church 150<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration

November 3

Bazaar - November 23-24

Ladies Christmas Dinner - December 2

Our next meeting will be Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. All ladies are invited and very welcome!

### **Session Highlights**

At the February Session Meeting we approved:

- Requested Finance Committee prepare a plan for donations and memorials in the death of close relatives and/or church members.
- Reimburse Melissa Dumes for new pickleball net.
- Review and revise contract for rental of the Outreach Center.
- Purchase updated version of church management software used by our secretary
- Donate \$200.00 to McCracken County High School Project Graduation.
- Cancel Sunday evening services, February 25.
- Elect Tanner Parker as our delegate to Presbytery on March 16<sup>th</sup> at Chandler CP Church.

### **February Numbers**

Financial Record as of February 28

income \$ 22,720.22

expenses \$ 10,496.06

### **Attendance**

February 4 - 85

February 11 - 85

February 18 - 74

February 25 - 83

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### **March Calendar**

March 4 - CPWM, 10:00

March 9 - Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 17- Session Meeting, 2:00

March 21 - Highlanders, to be determined

March 24 - Palm Sunday

March 31 - Easter

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

**March Ushers** Mike and Brenda Haynes,

Jessica Mahan

**March Elder** Steve Shrewsberry

**Opportunities for Giving** You may donate items throughout the year. The **Drop Box** 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

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**Discipleship Small Group** Every Tuesday at 6:00 and open to everyone. We are beginning a new section called *Making a Difference in Your World*. The first parts have examined the works of God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. This final part will deal with us and our understanding of the Gospel and what we are supposed to do with it. The topics discussed will be prayer, telling our story, our mission and fruitfulness.

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#### **New Members and a Baptism**

Tina Raper joined the Highland family January 7; David joined her in rededicating his life (he is already a member). They are active in the Recycled Teenagers Class and David sings with the choir. Their address is 61 Skylark St., Hickory, KY 42051

Maizie Rushing came forward February 4 for baptism. Maizie is the Daughter of Daniel and Jennifer Rushing and sister to Adria and Clark.

Paula Bell joined Highland February 25. Paula serves as our secretary and is involved in the Discipleship small group, the Recycled Teenagers Class.

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## **March Birthdays**

2- Michelle Wooten

14 - Tina Raper

15 – Nancy Finnell

24 – Diane Shrewsberry

## **March Anniversaries**

13 - Ron and Glenda Spann