

HIGHLAND CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 2024

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

May will be a busy month for many with graduations, Mother's Day, Memorial Day and perhaps weddings. These activities mean family time, a time of joy, laughter, and making memories. Families hold a special place in our hearts and they play a pivotal role in shaping who and what we are.

At the foundation of our lives, we find our families; the people who shaped us from the very beginning. They have influenced our values, taught us life lessons and provided us with a sense of belonging and identity. Families should serve as a source of unwavering support and encouragement. When we rejoice, our family celebrates with us. In trials, our loved ones should offer encouragement and walk alongside us. In short, their presence can be a beacon of strength and resilience. Members of families must pray for and lift one another up through all circumstances. Together, we create a safe space where individuals can grow, share, and flourish.

We have the opportunity to cultivate spiritual growth within our families. We can pass on the stories of faith, share biblical teachings, pray and worship together. Taking intentional steps to involve our families in spiritual practices helps nurture a strong foundation for our faith, enabling us to develop a meaningful relationship with our Heavenly Father. For older family members it is our responsibility to pass on a faith legacy to future generations. We have the privilege of introducing our children to the love of Christ. By modeling a genuine faith, prioritizing regular worship, and fostering an environment of spiritual growth at home, we equip the next generation to walk in Jesus' footsteps.

In many ways, a church family is very similar to a biological family. We are called by God to instruct, love, encourage and nurture each other in the church just as we are called to do so in our own family.

In closing, family (both biological and the church) is a gift from God. We experience love, support, and encouragement within the context of family relationships. As a church family, we can celebrate and cultivate strong connections with one another, ultimately strengthening our faith and furthering God's Kingdom. Continue to treasure your family and recognize the vital role they play in your life. Christian solid families produce good church members. You can tell the quality of the home by the fruit.

Women's Ministry

Our Women's Ministry met Monday, April 1. Since our theme this year is "Telling Our Story," we talked about the many stories each of us has as members of Highland. and remembered the stories of ladies who are no longer with us. Everyone was reminded of setting up for potluck.

Plans are coming together for our Stott-Wallace Lip Sync Fundraiser scheduled for Sunday, June 6 at 6:00 p.m. Jeff Parker will cook catfish and provide all the sides. A dessert auction will follow the meal. Please start deciding on your act. The deadline to have music to Steve Shrewsbury is May 23. Our CPWM has a big surprise for the audience - you really don't want to miss it.

Jeanne Mullen is working hard planning our Fall Bazaar scheduled for Saturday, November 23. Melanie Massie and Debby Hughes are working on a delicious menu for the brunch. Tickets for the meal are \$12.00 and will go on sale in September.

Our next CPWM meeting will be Monday, May 6 at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us.

Session Highlights

At the April Session Meeting we approved:

- The Worship Committee to reach out to the congregation and advertise on our Facebook page regarding our need for a pianist on Sunday mornings.
 - Convey to the congregation that our participation in Barbeque on the River is contingent on the number of volunteers committing to work our booth.
 - A request by the participants in the Ireland R.I.O.T Mission trip to use the bus to take them to and from the airport in Nashville.
 - Sidney Milton to create a booklet describing all the committees of the church and make it available to members
 - Vacation for Secretary, Paula Bell May 20-24
 - A request from Bro. Bud to have Rev. Chris Fleming serve as pulpit supply during his absences.
 - Movie night at Cinemark on Sunday, April 28 for a viewing of "Unsung Hero." The church will pay for the tickets for the movie which begins at 4:25.
 - Have a meeting Monday, April 29 to discuss a Church Health Inventory survey that Bro. Bud requested the elders to complete.
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April Numbers

Financial Record as of April 29

income \$ 20,351.75

expenses \$ 14,754.08

Attendance

April 7 - 88

April 14 - 114

April 21 - 92

April 28 - 73

May Calendar

May 6 - CPWM, 10:00

May 16 - Highlanders

May 19 - Session Meeting, 2:00 p.m.

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

May Ushers Velva Mullen, Tina Gamble

Mike Golightly, Alec Golightly

May Elder Mike Golightly

Opportunities for Giving Let's try something different. Since we celebrate Mother's Day in May, let's make our donations for women and girls. (Guys, we'll get you next month).

Blessing Box Things women and girls need

School Supplies girls love crayons and stickers

Toys for Tots larger size baby dolls

Operation Christmas Child hair ribbons or accessories, small baby dolls

Hope Unlimited Baby bottle campaign bottles will be handed out Mother's Day and collected Father's Day

Welcome New Member

Emmy Tucker came forward Sunday, April 21 to join the Highland family. Emmy is already involved in the Youth Programs, she sings in the choir, and works in Children's Church. Deborah Russell is her grand- mother and her birthday is May 23.

Change of Address

Mike and Brenda Haynes have moved to
110 Long Dr., Paducah, KY 42003

May Birthdays

2 – Ray Massie

5 – Marlene Wallace

6 – Madeline Wooten

13 - Clark Rushing

16 - Paula Bell

17 – Miranda Cooper

Emma Grace Cooper

19 – Kasen Barton

Mary Katherine Rudolph

22 – Tina Gamble

Tanner Parker

23 - Emmy Tucker

25 – Cooper Hill

28 – Gini Cunningham

May Anniversaries

15 - Doug and Nancy Hughes

22 – Randy and Cindy Robertson