

HIGHLAND CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 2024

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

"Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." Galatians 5:1 (KJV)

For many Americans, the Fourth of July is a day for barbeque, fireworks and celebrations with friends and family. People around the world love traditions and here in the USA, we are no different. As with any holiday, it is essential to remember why we celebrate each holiday including Independence Day.

Samuel Adams, a key figure in the American Revolution, was unapologetic about his faith. For him, signing the Declaration of Independence was not just a political act but a spiritual one. It was a declaration of freedom from the rule of man and a submission to the Lord. This pivotal moment marked the birth of a nation free to serve Christ. What a profound and significant day it was!

As Christians, we have a unique duty - to serve Christ and Christ alone. It is a blessing to live in a country where we have the freedom to do so. This freedom is not just a privilege but a responsibility, one to be taken wisely and intentionally. The enemy will use distractions to keep us from fulfilling our duties as Christians. Even the seemingly non-threatening activities of Fourth of July celebrations can cause us to lose sight of the true meaning of the holiday.

Why then, is it important to acknowledge the significance of Independence Day, and how can we do so in today's world? The freedom we enjoy in America is not just a political right, but a divine gift from God. It grants us the privilege to openly express and share our faith with others without fear. This is a privilege not enjoyed in many parts of the world. For Christians in those regions, the cost of following Christ is much higher. This stark contrast should fill our hearts with gratitude, making us appreciate our freedom all the more.

With this thought in mind, reflect on the ways God has blessed you and celebrate the freedom Christ gave us. Remember Christ alone gives true freedom and liberty. Let us use this liberty to do God's will.

Women's Ministry

CPWM met in the Fellowship Hall Monday, June 3 to celebrate our outstanding Lip Sync, fish fry and dessert auction. We want to express our sincere thanks to everyone who participated in another exciting Stott Wallace Fundraiser. You all made it a very successful evening. Special thanks to Jeff Parker and his crew for the delicious meal! We will be sending \$7,500.00 to our missionaries through this offering. Outstanding job Highland!

Our next potluck will be Sunday, July 7 following morning worship services. CPWM will provide the drinks and bread. Please bring your favorite dish (or two) and join us for this time of fellowship.

CPWM will not have a business meeting at the church in July. We will, however gather at The House of Grace Monday, August 5 at 11:00 a.m. for lunch.

Session Highlights

At the June Session Meeting we approved:

- Upon recommendation from the Worship Committee, hire Douglas Arnold as our pianist and pay him \$75.00 weekly.
- Participate in Lifewise Academy, a program that works to teach Bible classes during school hours at participating churches. Jeff and Tanner Parker are getting more information on this opportunity as it begins in McCracken County

June Numbers

Financial Record as of June 26

income \$ 21,214.01

expenses \$ 10,714.70

Attendance

June 2 - 88

June 9 - 83

June 16 - 103

June 23 - 78

July Calendar

July 7 - Potluck fellowship, after morning worship

July 10, 11, 12 - Vacation Bible School

July 13 - kids (K-5th) Vertical Jump Park

July 14 - Paducah Chiefs baseball game, 6:00 p.m.

Junior/Junior High camp begins

July 18 - Highlanders

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

Gym Reserved

Tuesdays- 5:00 p.m. Exercise

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

Saturdays - 10:00 am Exercise

2:00-4:00 Pickleball

July Ushers James Russell, Melissa Dumes

Paula Bell, Ronnie Parker

July Elder Tanner Parker

Sunday Evening Worship

We are discontinuing this service.

Collections for July

Hot Fun In the Summer

- *Shoe Boxes and Toys for Tots:*
Summer fun toys
- *Blessing Box:*
Lunch things kids can fix themselves (shelf stable meals, peanut butter and jelly, cereal)

Change of address

Marlene Wallace
2121 New Holt Rd., Apt. 223
Paducah, KY 42001

David and Paula Wilcox
117 Willow Dr.
Gilbertsville, KY 42044

Welcome New Member

We welcome Polly Ham to Highland. She is the mother of Deborah Russell.

Vacation Bible School

The Army of God

July 10, 11, and 12

6:00 - 8:00 each evening

Paducah Chiefs Baseball

We will be on the Diamond Deck cheering our local baseball team Sunday, July 14.
The game starts at 6:00 p.m.

July Birthdays

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