

HIGHLAND CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 2024

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

September is the beginning of our Christian Education season at Highland. We end one year and start a new one. In our children's department, the kids may be promoted to a new level based on their age, the Adult #1 Class begins a new quarterly publication. On September 1 we will have breakfast (9:30 am) to kick off our new Christian Education year and celebrate the growth and development of last year. This breakfast is a time for fellowship, setting our intentions for the upcoming year and meeting our teachers. If you are not in Sunday School or any of our small study groups, now is the perfect opportunity to get involved.

With that being said, similar to January and the beginning of a new year, we can use the new "season" to evaluate what God has given us and reflect on a new year that can be different and better. We can look at our past year, take inventory, and try to get more out of the opportunities God gives us. Ecclesiastes 3:1-4 refers to times, which are seasons: *"To everything, there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up (harvest) that which is planted;"* Again, let me point out how God has arranged things on earth and in our lives to operate in seasons. We can depend on this because he tells us in Genesis 8:22: *"While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease."* This scripture also gives us a basic description of seasons. We can gather from it that seasons are divided into two types: sowing (preparation) and harvest (reaping). Since most of us are not farmers and identify with tilling, planting, and harvesting, we can define a season in our life as a time frame allotted for something to happen. Large periods of a human life can be described as childhood, young adult, adult and elderly; or school age, career span, and retirement. During each season of life, God equips us for His use and the building of his Kingdom.

As we begin this new Christian Education season, we should be excited to be a part of a growing body who studies the Word, develops as disciples and loves the Lord. My desire at Highland is that everyone finds his or her place by attending one of our study groups in order to be equipped for the ministry God has called each to do. I urge you to find the study group that resonates with you and creates a special place for you to come and grow. Your presence and participation are vital to our community.

Women's Ministry

Our ladies enjoyed lunch August 5 at the House of Grace. It was a beautiful day, and we had 19 ladies in attendance! We did not have a business meeting in August.

Our next meeting will be Monday, September 9th at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We look forward to seeing you there!

Session Highlights

At the August Session Meeting we approved:

- Upon recommendations from the Christian Education Committee:
 1. Sunday School teachers for 2024-2025:
 - Pre-school – Linda Cunningham;
 - Elementary 1 (K – 2nd grade) Laura DeHart
 - Elementary 2 (3rd – 5th grade) Elaine Overton
 - High School – Cayce and Rachael Brunswick
 - Young Adult – Paula Bell
 - Safe Haven – Rev. Bud Russell
 - 20 Something – Mike Golightly, facilitator
 - Recycled Teenagers – Jeff Parker, Cheryl Rambo
 - Adult 1 – Buddy Rushing, Linda Johnson, and Sidney Milton
 - Children's Church Coordinator – Maddie Stowell
 2. Wednesday night teachers and helpers for 2024-2025: Rachel and Cayce Brunswick, Laura DeHart, Pam Russell, Elaine Overton, Melissa Kilgore, Melissa Dumes, Deborah Russell, and Maddie Stowell.
 3. All teachers will be installed Sunday, September 1st at our breakfast.
- Purchase new doormats for the outside entrances.
- Discontinue USPS mailing monthly newsletters due to the increased cost of postage. They will be distributed by email and the Highland Herald. Copies will also be available at Wednesday Bible Study and Sunday worship.
- Donate \$500.00 to Martha's Vineyard for an awning to cover an outside fruit/vegetable stand. It will come from 2023 BBQ money.

August Numbers

Financial Record as of August 26

income \$ 21,351.50
expenses \$ 11,536.38

Attendance

August 4 - 86

August 11 - 96

August 18 - 90

August 25 - 75

September Calendar

September 1 - Sunday School Breakfast, 9:30 am

September 7 - Pie Cut and Dip day, 9:00 am

September 9 - CPWM, 10:00 am

September 15 - Session Meeting, 2:00 p.m.

September 19 - Highlanders

September 19-21 - BBQ on the River

September Ushers

Steve and Diane Shrewsberry,
Johnny Overton, Jeff Parker

September Elder

Mike Golightly

Sunday Night Worship discussion For persons interested in continuing Sunday evening worship there will be a brief meeting after morning worship September 8.

Baptisms and New Members

Clark Rushing and Titus Matheny (grandson of David Tina Raper) were baptized and joined the Highland family in August. We are excited to see what God will do through these two boys.

Collections for September

School Supplies for our Highland kids who have needs

Blessing Box - paper products

Toys for Tots September is our big month for this charity. Toys will be collected through Sept. 29 and presented at the annual concert, Oct. 5. If you prefer to donate money make check payable to Toys for Tots and give to Cindy Robertson.

Barbeque on the River September 19, 20, 21

11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. daily

Signup sheet is on the Bulletin Board

Sunday School

Everyone is invited to breakfast Sunday, Sept. 1 at 9:30. If you aren't in a class, now would be a great time to meet our teachers and explore what we have to offer.

A Special invitation: The Adult #1 Sunday School Class invites and encourages those of you looking for a class to come visit us. We meet in the Sanctuary at 9:45 A.M. every Sunday morning. September begins the new Christian Education year and our new lessons are based on Old Testament scriptures. The Old Testament is essential to understanding many passages in the New Testament. The lesson for September 8 is on the interesting character of Solomon. Please come check us out. We look forward to welcoming you to our class.

Custodian Bobby Reed was hired this past week as our new custodian. He currently works full time at Milner and Orr Funeral home, so his hours at Highland will vary. If you have a need, please see Paula and she can get him a note. We will miss our former custodian, Larry Fugate who retired due to health issues.

Hope Unlimited We received a Thank you note from Hope Unlimited for our donations through their Baby Bottle Campaign. We collected \$1,001.05 toward the total \$71,673 they received.

Paschal Candle We have been gifted a new element to use in our worship services. The Paschal Candle or Christ candle is from the former Margaret Hank CPC. Similar to the candles lit each Sunday by our acolytes, it represents the presence of Christ in the church and is traditionally lit on special occasions such as Easter, baptisms, funerals or weddings.

September Birthdays

1 – Bettie Stoll
Pam Russell
6 – Barb Dolezal
Kenna Kilgore
11 - Glenda Spann
12 – Roy Rushing
15 – Scott Cunningham
Mike Haynes
16 – Ansley Golightly
18 - Suzan Roberts
20 – Karen Bryan
21 – May Parker
23 – Evalena Duncan
25 - Ron Spann
28 – Randy Robertson
Peggy Clifton
30 – Addison Dumes

September Anniversaries

1 - Matt and Carolyn Stowell
10 – Randy and Laura DeHart
12 – Jeff and Donna Yates
14 - Jimmy and Deborah Russell