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**Celebrating the retirement of  
Rev. Nina Maples  
after 20 years of faithful service  
to Highland Baptist Church**

**Final Sunday**  
Sunday, May 20, 2018  
8:30, 9:30, & 11:00 Morning Services

**Reception**  
12:00-1:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall



**Pentecost Sunday is May 20**

Acts 2:1-21 ■ John 15:26-27; 16:12-15  
*Spirit and Truth* ■ Jim England, Proclaimer

*O Breath of Life, come sweeping thru us, invest in us new life and power.  
O Breath of Life, come cleanse, renew us, fit your Church to meet this hour.*

"On the day of Pentecost all the Lord's followers were together in one place. Suddenly, there was a noise from heaven like the sound of a mighty wind. It filled the house where they were meeting. Then they saw what looked like fiery tongues moving in all directions, and a tongue came and settled on each person there. The Holy Spirit took control of everyone, and they began speaking whatever languages the Spirit let them speak." ~ Acts 2:1-4

We celebrate Pentecost in worship this Sunday, May 20, seven weeks (fifty days) after Easter Sunday, with colors of red commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Disciples of Christ. The apostles received the Holy Spirit and were miraculously enabled to go out into Jerusalem prophesying and speaking in languages that all the visitors to Jerusalem could understand as told further in Acts 2:5-6, "Many religious Jews from every country in the world were living in Jerusalem ... they were hearing everything in their own languages." The noise and activity attracted a huge crowd, and the Apostle Peter preached a sermon to the crowd with great effectiveness, as Acts 2:41 reports, "On that day about three thousand believed his message and were baptized."

The stained glass window in our Commons depicts the Holy Spirit as a white dove descending amidst the brilliant reds. The window was originally designed for our chapel by our Pastor Emeritus, Don Burke, and Bob Markert, glass artist of our Sanctuary windows and the windows in our Fellowship Hall.

Come and hear the good news of God's spirit-work in the ancient church and learn how we may also be renewed!



**Children's Spring Concert Service  
This Sunday, 6:00 p.m.**

Please mark your calendars for this Sunday evening, May 20, for Highland's annual Children's Spring Concert Service. It will be a wonderful evening with our children, ages 3 through the 5<sup>th</sup> grade, singing the songs of faith, moving to the beat, and playing bells and other instruments.



*Children's Choirs at Highland are the joyful discovery of God's transforming LOVE through music.*



**Highland Welcomes**



**Elizabeth Howell & Justin Boldt**

**In Memoriam**



*John Sanders  
1931-2018*

**Liminal Wonderings ...**

I received a wonderful gift of books from a friend at Friday Church. I think when I received a book as a gift that I honor the person by reading it; listening for what she found. I am reading *Broken Open* by Elizabeth Lesser. She describes a scene at Ellen's home where some friends had gathered for dinner. Ellen was a woman softening into her death.

Lesser describes looking around the room. Her husband sat along in one corner, tired from work and worry. A couple of friends were haggling over who should return to the grocery store for some forgotten items. Lesser, herself, said she was being short tempered with her children and Ellen's son. They were running around as she was trying to prepare the meal.

Lesser writes that she looked at Ellen, paper thin, wrapped in a blanket, staring at the snow fall outside. In a small voice she said, "Would you all please love each other?" (*Broken Open* p. 195)

Ellen would say, "If only people realized what they had in life, they would not be able to contain their joy."

It is easy to focus on not having senior pastors. Oh, but look at what we have. One hundred twenty-five years of history is no small achievement. We are reminded that we have been here before and we will be fine. In this in-between—liminal—time, we pause to realize all we have individually and as a church. We have lots of voices reminding us to love each other. But you already knew that. You already do that. Loving each other is what matters now and in the time to come.

~ Jim England

## Children's Worship Pauses for Summer

Children's Worship programming for children in K-2 grades during 11:00 worship service will pause for the summer beginning May 27, Memorial Day weekend. However, due to Nina's final Sunday celebrations in worship, children's worship will not meet this Sunday, May 20, as well so that all members of the congregation can participate. Children's Worship will return for the 2018-19 school year on Promotion Sunday.

Children's Corner

### Important Dates to Remember!

May 16	3 <sup>rd</sup> and Final PASSPORT <i>kids!</i> Camp Payment Due
May 20	Children's Worship Summer Pause Begins
June 26-29	PASSPORT <i>kids!</i>
July 20-22	Vacation Bible School Camp

## Youth Ministry Prepares for Summer

The Youth Community is in the midst of a lighter season of programming between a wonderful day of Youth Led Worship and a full summer ahead. This Wednesday night, we will welcome Clare Rutz, Director of Development from Americana Community Center, as she helps us learn about being good neighbors alongside our immigrant and refugee siblings. There are a lot of possibilities for our youth, 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade, and Americana's youth we are hoping to explore! Wednesday will also be the last of the semester before summer break, and Mentor Groups will soon be winding down as well. We will have gathering times outside of the regular Sunday morning schedule during the summer, they will just be less regular and less structured than our full academic year schedule! Between these things and trips to Passport in Greensboro, NC, and the High School Mission Trip to Washington, DC, much will be happening even with the transition to summer. In between all of that, the Youth Community will be invited to participate in the Kentuckiana Pride Parade and Festival June 15-16, and Perry will travel with Carol to the CBF General Assembly in Dallas, TX, June 13-15 as well. We hope to find you with us every step along the way as life together continues for Highland's youth and their families!

Youth Corner

### This Wednesday

Clare from Americana and Fellowship, 6:00-7:15 p.m., Youth Suite

### This Sunday

Bible Study, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Youth Suite

## Good Time Gospel Hour Movie Night

If you are a young adult looking for a Bible study, consider joining this great group for conversation and a viewing of *Come Sunday*. They will gather on Thursday, May 24, at 7:30 p.m. Let Lauren or Guthrie know if you're interested to get the detes.

Young Adult Corner

### El Nopal

All of you YAs, especially visitors, are welcome to join us at El Nopal on Baxter Avenue after the 11:00 a.m. worship service every Sunday. We usually meet in the rear of the sanctuary and walk together. Who doesn't love cheese dip?

### Habitat for Humanity, June 2

The YAs are partnering with the Habitat for Humanity and Other Housing Solutions Mission Team for further construction on the Baptist homes we helped raise the roofs on last month. We need about 3-5 more people for work on Saturday, June 2, from about 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon. A yummy lunch by the Emma Leachman group will be provided. Tell Michael DeWhatley ASAP if you want to help.

## It's not too late...

To join us and KY Refugee Ministries at the Sweat4Syria 5K at Iroquois Park *this* Saturday at 8:00 a.m. More information and registration on Facebook. We will take a Highland group photo at the starting line! <https://www.facebook.com/events/1938956736415543/>.



Missions Corner

## Do. Love. Walk.—Mission and Justice with Highland

The Mission and Justice Ministry Group enthusiastically invites you to this wonderful event on Sunday, June 3 right here at church. Throughout the morning in the Commons, you will discover a variety of opportunities for ministry beyond the walls of the church. Our seven mission teams (Anti-Racism, Immigration, Habitat for Humanity and other housing solutions, True Colors, Food Justice, Environmental Action, and Global Partnerships) will offer interactive and educational displays about our current justice ministries.

Further, June 3 will kick-off our Global Mission Offering emphasis for the month of June. We will welcome to the pulpit The Rev. Dr. Jason Coker of CBF Mississippi. His work includes improving the lives of those living in poverty in the MS Delta, as well as a Ph.D. in the intersections of post-modern culture, the Church, and mission. Stay tuned for more information on this special Sunday and how you can contribute to our \$10,000 offering goal.

### PRIDE

Join us on Sunday, June 10 for our first-ever PRIDE worship service. We will celebrate the work of our True Colors (LGBTQ) Mission Team by commissioning all of you who plan to march with the church in the Louisville Pride Parade on Friday, June 15. Look for more information about signing up to help host our Pride booth on June 16 in the Commons.

## Uspiritus, Foster Care Information

This Saturday, Highland will co-host with Uspiritus a conversation about foster care and other ways you can support at-risk youth in our city and state. You can learn more about the opportunity on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/events/840239052827032/>. If you are unable to attend but would like more information, please call the Uspiritus Home Resource Coordinator at 502-554-1255.

## Ministry Council Report

Highland Baptist Church Ministry Council met on Monday, May 7, and received the final CBF Task Force report from CBF Task Force Chair, Mary Burks. The report includes the Task Force process, research findings, listening session observations and recommendations. The Ministry Council requested the report be presented to the Deacons at their May meeting for their spiritual discernment. Vicki Runion, Deacon Chair, will share feelings and thoughts from the Deacons with Ministry Council, after their meeting. The Ministry Council also requested the CBF TF final report to be presented to the True Colors Ministry Group and the Missions Ministry Team. These are the two ministry groups that requested the task force. After hearing from the Deacons, True Colors and Missions, Ministry Council will begin forming a recommendation for the church to review and consider. Personnel report included information regarding staff alignment of responsibilities as Nina retires. This discussion has begun and will continue to develop. Pastoral Interim Committee report echoed this process and they are working on what may come next, regarding ministry model and responsibilities. Finance report offered good news, through April, Highland Baptist Church is only \$1,300 shy of budget, and the balance of the *Building Love* campaign is now less than \$50,000. The Ad Hoc Committee reported the forming the Pastor Search Committee is in process. Based upon 40 nominations received by the congregation, the Ad Hoc Committee is pleased to put forward 10 names for the Pastor Search Committee for the church to vote on in June. The Pastor Search Committee will have 7 members and 3 alternates. The Deacons' report informed Ministry Council of an Honor Deacons Reception that will take place on Sunday, May 27. Two events were presented and approved: SoulShop sponsored by the Men's Ministry Group in September and a Foster Parent Meet and Greet Event offered by Uspiritus.

Church Business Corner

## Around Highland...

... The Highland Book Club will meet on Sunday, June 10, at 6:00 p.m., in room 103, to discuss *Salvage the Bones: A Novel* by Jesmyn Ward. Everyone is invited!

## Highland's Word To Our Community



### Please Note:

Articles for the weekly newsletter should be submitted to Andria no later than Monday mornings.



**This Week  
at Highland**

**Tuesday, May 15**

Hope for a Brighter Day (FH) ..... 5:30 p.m.  
Alcoholics Anonymous (FH) ..... 10 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 16**

Fellowship Supper (FH) ..... 5:20-6 p.m.  
Children's Activities ..... 6-7:15 p.m.  
Youth Group (Youth Suite) ..... 6-7:15 p.m.  
Adult Class—Cloud of Witnesses: Stories from  
Saints-In-Progress (FH) ..... 6:10-7:10 p.m.  
Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Choir Room) ..... 7:15-8:15 p.m.

**Thursday, May 17**

Senior Adult MG (103) ..... 2 p.m.  
Environmental Action Team (103) ..... 6:30 p.m.  
Alcoholics Anonymous (FH) ..... 7 p.m.

**Friday, May 18**

Wedding rehearsal (Sanctuary) ..... 5 p.m.  
Friday Church (Sanctuary) ..... 7-7:45 p.m.  
Narcotics Anonymous (FH) ..... 8 p.m.

**Saturday, May 19**

Chorister Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary) ..... 9-11 a.m.  
Children's Handbell rehearsal (Sanctuary) 11 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Wedding (Sanctuary) ..... 5:30 p.m.

**Sunday, May 20**

Worship ..... 8:30 a.m.  
Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Bible Study ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
Bible Study ..... 11 a.m.  
Celebration for Nina Maples (FH) ..... 12 p.m.  
Orchestra rehearsal (Sanctuary) ..... 12:30 p.m.  
Adult Handbell rehearsal (200) ..... 2-3 p.m.  
Children's Handbell rehearsal (Sanctuary) ..... 4-4:30 p.m.  
Chorister Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary) ..... 4:30-6 p.m.  
CBF Morocco Team (103) ..... 6 p.m.  
Children's Spring Music Program (Sanctuary) ..... 6 p.m.

**Monday, May 21**

Young Adult MG (FS) ..... 5:30 p.m.  
Youth MG (Youth Suite) ..... 6 p.m.  
Food Justice Team (103) ..... 7 p.m.  
Deacons (Commons) ..... 7 p.m.

**Tuesday, May 22**

Elections (FH) ..... 6 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Hope for a Brighter Day (FH) ..... 5:30 p.m.  
Handbell and Orchestra rehearsal (Sanctuary) ..... 6 p.m.  
Alcoholics Anonymous (FH) ..... 10 p.m.

**Wednesday Night  
Menus**

<b>May 16</b>	<b>May 23</b>
Honey Glazed Ham	Grilled Chicken Breast
Mixed Greens/Broccoli	w/ Lemon Beurre Blanc
Roasted Sweet & Red Potatoes	Buttered Noodles
7 Layer Salad	Zucchini & Yellow Squash
Corn Bread	Classic Vinaigrette Salad
Dessert	Rolls
	Dessert

Adults: \$7; Children ages 4-12: \$3.50; Max per family: \$21

**Reminder:** If you have a reservation you are responsible to pay for it. Cancellations must be made *no later than 11:00 a.m. the Tuesday before your reservation.* You may also contact the church office to make your reservations/cancellations.

**This Week's Deacons**

**Friday, 7:00 p.m.**

Becky Smith (C)

**Sunday, 8:30 a.m.**

Kristie Abney (G), Tony Dougherty (C),  
Gene Streible, Tyler Swim

**Sunday, 9:30 a.m.**

David Bannister (G), Bruce Carroll,  
Becky Holloman, Jim McBee (C)

**Sunday, 11:00 a.m.**

Dana Connor-Israel (G), Holly Harris,  
Sharon Sanders, Kim Shippey (C)

**Cloud of Witnesses: Stories from Saints-In-Process This Wednesday**

Highland's sanctuary is filled with saints—the ones in the stained-glass windows who have completed the race *and* the ones in the pews who are still in process. When we assume saints to be perfect people, we miss the truth they have to share. Saints are the ones who wonder if God is up to something and step out in humility and boldness to share their glimpses of the divine. Story-telling by these "Saints-in-Process" makes God visible for the church. Join us this Wednesday, May 16, 6:10-7:10 p.m., in Fellowship Hall, for our final Cloud of Witnesses of the semester as Bob Cunningham facilitates a conversation with Kristie Abney, Jim England, and Tyler Swim who will share their faith journey.

**HIGHLAND BAPTIST MUSIC MINISTRY  
HANDBELL & ORCHESTRA SPRING CONCERT  
Wednesday, May 23 ■ 6:15 p.m.**



All ages from preschoolers through adults are welcome to attend the concert. Childcare will be provided for infants and toddlers. Our regular Wednesday evening meal will be served 5:20-6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Contact the church office by 11:00 a.m. on Tuesdays for a dinner reservation.

**Cream of the Crop Pot-Luck Lunch May 24**

Have you ever wondered who joins in on Cream of the Crop outings and events? This pot-luck lunch is a great opportunity to meet other folks who are of retirement age and above, and who love to eat good food and spend time together! Join us for lunch at Gloria and Jim McBee's home at noon on May 24. Bring a side dish or a dessert to share. RSVP to Gloria McBee by Sunday, May 20. If you would like to carpool from the church at 11:30 a.m. on the day of the event, please note that when you RSVP.

**Save the Date: Congregational Conversation**

The Pastoral Interim Committee will offer opportunities for the church to gather and offer feedback on the interim period on Wednesday, May 30, at 6:15 p.m. For those unable to attend on May 30, the Pastoral Interim Committee will offer other ways to be heard in the coming weeks.

**Church Gathers for Annual Picnic June 6**

We celebrate the beginning of summer with our annual Church Picnic on Wednesday, June 6, 5:00-9:00 p.m., at Hogan's Fountain in Cherokee Park. Cost is the same as Wednesday night meals: \$7 for adults, \$3.50 for kids ages 4-12, and \$21 max per household. We will take reservations on Wednesday nights (beginning May 16) and on Sunday mornings in the Commons (beginning May 20). Volunteers are needed to help transport supplies from church to the park, set-up, serve food, cleanup, and return supplies to church. Please contact Carol Harston if you are able to lend a hand!

**Pastor Search Committee Members To Be Voted On In June**

The following 10 folks will be voted on in June by the church to serve on the Pastor Search Committee (7 members, 3 alternates): Kathy Belcher, Noah Cooksey, Bob Cunningham, Michael DeWhatley, Billy Flood, Alecia Fuller, Carolyn King, Alana Maddox, Earl Shelp, Tyler Swim. Biographies and pictures of those nominated can be found on our website at <https://hbclouisville.org/nominated-members-for-pastor-search-committee/>. We submit these names prayerfully to the Church. ~ *The Ad Hoc Committee:* Vicki Runnion, Ashley Hostetter, Dana Connor-Israel, David Wells, Mary Burks, Tony Dougherty, and Troy Burden.

**Giving During a Season of Transition**

Giving is ALWAYS important! Giving to the local ministries of Highland Baptist Church, giving to all the ministries we support as a church locally, across the nation and around the world. But there are times when we are especially conscious of that importance. One of those is in a time of transition, such as Highland is experiencing right now with Joe's retirement followed now by Nina's retirement next week. It's been interesting to me in my transition from being a retired pastor of the church I served for many years to being a member of a church that has welcomed Jane and me into your wonderful family. Thank God, we are as motivated to give to Highland as we were to give to University Baptist Church in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, following 25 years in that place. We call Highland Baptist Church "UBC Squared"—it is essentially the same church, just bigger!



I have to be honest! It goes all the way back to our Southern Baptist days. Lots of things happened later that moved us to a new way of doing missions, but Jane and I both became "missionary Baptists" in those Southern Baptist Convention days. And we still are missionary Baptists, still through the local church and now through Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. I am writing this article on Wednesday, May 9, and on this very night in University Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, the major event of the evening is the promotion of the "Jane Allison Mississippi State Missions Offering". I couldn't have been married to Jane for almost 62 years now without being a committed missionary Baptist! Whatever name we call it, let's be especially generous right now in our support of the mission of Highland Baptist Church! ~ *Dick Allison*

**Weekly Financial Report May 6, 2018 (18 weeks)**

	Weekly Requirement	Receipts This Week	YTD Requirements	YTD Receipts	YTD Over/Under
Contributions	\$20,477.93	\$32,741.97	\$382,985.42	\$369,091.09	(\$13,894.33)
Other Income	\$1,034.13	\$2,823.95	\$18,614.39	\$22,923.09	\$4,308.70
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21,512.06</b>	<b>\$35,565.92</b>	<b>\$401,599.81</b>	<b>\$392,014.18</b>	<b>(\$9,585.63)</b>



**2015 Building Renovation Project**

Contributed this week	\$960.00	Loan Balance	\$47,450.00
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## Evening of Service Projects for Families

Last Saturday, families with children gathered for fellowship and service projects to benefit Kentucky Refugee Ministries as they do their primary work of assisting refugees resettling in Louisville. Together, we engaged story books about refugees, we imagined what it would be like to leave home quickly with only one bag, and we watched a video to learn more about the work that KRM does in Highland's building, hosting English as Second Language classes for mothers and teaching/caring for their children. We also created three kits for families—first aid, baby care, and preschool backpacks. KRM anticipates using these kits to practice language skills as mothers in the ESL classes become familiar with vocabulary, as well as teaching them to use items like a digital thermometer to take their child's temperature. Preschool backpacks will accompany children as they begin school this fall. Please continue to be in prayer for the good work of this ministry partner as they care for families and help them adjust to a new city and a new culture.



## Staff Reflects on Joy of Working with Nina Maples

The image I will always cherish is her open office door. I would leave my desk and wander down the hall to find Nina typing away at her computer. Nina served as my wise guide for my first decade in ministry, always willing to pause her work in order to answer questions, listen to my external processing, and help me wonder about the next right move. When our second son was born, Nina witnessed the chaos of getting my three-year-old to the car amidst a massive tantrum. She helped pick up the shoes, diaper bag, and car-seat with baby brother and followed me all the way home to make sure I made it home alright. Thus began a three-year ritual where Nina came over on Wednesday night to help me get the kids to bed while Drew was at choir practice. She was my Good Samaritan who helped pick me up off of the side of the road as a weary working mom and ensured that I was well taken care of.

Renee, Emily, and I came to quote Nina often, repeating to each other her wise saying, "All of life is letting go." In these moments, as we prepare to "let go" of Nina in this formal capacity, I find great comfort in the beloved hymn, "O Love that Will Not Let Me Go." The love that we have shared with Nina is a kind that we can never let go for it is an eternal bond that goes far beyond the bounds of the office. We let go of this season of relationship, but we hold fast to the eternal bond that we share as servants of God transformed by our years shared together in love. ~ Carol



It is beyond me to try and explain how Nina has impacted my own life in a brief newsletter article among so many other amazing ministers who are sharing their own words on the same. But, so it goes in this season of retirement and transition and uncertainty and newness ahead. I was fortunate to witness Nina pass on two small gifts to a youth who is exploring her own call to ministry after Youth led Worship. The gifts were neither expensive nor extraordinary, but they are sacred. I could see it in the eyes of the youth who received them. We agreed that Nina was a sort of pastoral care wizard—something many of us know deeply. I know, too, along with the youth of whom I'm thinking, what it means to be empowered and loved by Nina into my best self and God's calling. I suspect as much as true of many who will read this. I have not been fortunate to know and to continue to know Nina. I have been blessed. For Nina and her ministry, I share my deepest thanks. ~ Perry



While God's movement in the world may elude us occasionally, I see divine activity most apparently through friendships—those special people God introduces to us, who through their love and conversation reveal deeper meaning in life and ministry (especially when we wear glow necklaces as crowns). How do you know when someone meets this level of friendship?

Nina and I were trying to recollect the beginning of ours just the other day... We couldn't remember. It happened either while shopping for shoes together, or through a moment of shared vulnerability, or maybe it originated slowly through the cumulative effect of simple work days shared.

Despite a faulty memory, here is something I do remember and will always know to be true about both Nina, my dear friend and Nina, a pastor of Highland. She is an excellent keeper of secrets! (I know you already know this.) For twenty years she has held our confessed longings and fears, alongside joy-filled celebrations and accomplishments. I love good secret holders because it means they also know how to listen intently; they listen to understand and come alongside in their care.

Nina, thank you for modeling so naturally these often unnamed, but central elements, of the pastoral life. Know that the spirit of your sensitivity and fondness for the people of Highland will continue to evoke a thinking, feeling, healing mission among us. For this, we give God great thanks. And in the meantime, I'll meet you at DSW (Designer Shoe Warehouse)! ~ Lauren

As I reflect back on 11 years of ministering alongside Nina, there are so many moments and paths that I could travel and reflect on. I could name the hilarity of Nina picking me up during my call weekend to navigate her way from Louisville Presbyterian Seminary where I was staying through the mini marathon traffic to the Bristol on Bardstown Road for lunch. I could name the joy of walking through the Cherokee Art Fair that same weekend and meeting church members for the first time as we strolled. I could name the many times I have knocked on her door to ask a question or gain wisdom or seek clarity on how to move forward in some situation before me. But beyond all of these, the most vivid memory of Nina that I have come on a summer Wednesday night at 1:30 in the morning as I was being prepped for emergency surgery. In that moment, like many of you I suspect, I experienced the comfort of this dear minister sitting at my bedside and holding my hand in one of the most painful, confusing and sad days of my life. This moment was bookended by watching Thanksgiving morning worship via Facetime from my hospital bed the day after Eliza was born and hearing Nina read her name aloud to the congregation for the first time. These are deeply treasured and beloved moments. While I (we) will miss her everyday presence in our midst in the days, weeks and months to come, here is the truth that I know. Nina has taught us well. She has modeled for us how to love one another through joy and through crisis, how to show up when it is most necessary, how to be courageous and hold another's hand through the most difficult of days, and how to celebrate well the joys among us. May we embody Christ one to one another just as she has to each of us. ~ Renee

Nina Maples has been my next-door neighbor in Highland's office suite for almost 11 years. In 2007, she graciously gave up a large portion of her original office so the Minister of Music could have an office adjacent to the choir room. Being next door meant that I loved to *holler* back and forth or pick up the phone—extension 12—when we needed to whisper more private information. We have giggled about shoes, jewelry, children, food, and her directional challenges in driving around the city. We have shared prayer and concern over Highland's faith family that she lovingly shepherded for 21 years. I have respected her privacy whenever the noise machine was going on outside her office and laughed at the times she screamed for Andria's help with computer issues. I will miss Nina Griffin Maples... how do I know her maiden name? Because I often returned her Bible on Monday from the sanctuary! ~ Kathy



***Congratulations to the Class of 2018***  
*High School, College, Graduate, and Professional School Graduates*



**Kristie Abney**  
 School: Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary  
 Degree: Master of Divinity  
 Post-Graduate Plans: Chaplaincy or pastoral care/therapy



**Shelby Boyd**  
 School: Centre College  
 Degree: Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, with a Minor in Politics  
 Post-Graduate Plans: Brandeis School of Law with an interest in personal law and criminal defense



**Benjamin Burton**  
 School: Baptist Seminary of Kentucky  
 Degree: Master of Divinity  
 Post-Graduate Plans: Norton Chaplain Residency Program



**Emma Cohen**  
 School: University of Louisville  
 Degree: Master of Sports Administration  
 Post-Graduate Plans: Pursue a job in sports administration



**Laura Escobar-Ratliff**  
 School: University of St. Thomas—St. Catherine University  
 Degree: Doctorate in Social Work  
 Post-Graduate Plans: Continue as Service Director for Adult Specialty Programs at Centerstone KY



**Mark Golightly Sanders**  
 School: Indiana University Southeast  
 Degree: Master of Business Administration  
 Post-Graduate Plans: Continue as a Manager at Humana



**Alessandra La Rocca Link**  
 School: University of Colorado  
 Degree: Ph.D. in History  
 Post-Graduate Plans: Welcome baby #2 later this summer



**Kristin Sanders**  
 School: Georgetown University  
 Degree: Ph.D. in Nursing and Health  
 Post-Graduate Plans: Continue as Family Nurse Practitioner



**Abigail Self**  
 School: Vanderbilt University  
 Degree: Master of Science in Nursing for Nurse Practitioner Studies in Pediatric Acute Care  
 Post-Graduate Plans: Continuing working at Norton Children's Hospital in the Pediatric ICU



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 Atherton High School  
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**Matthew Iler**



**Hailee Lunte**



**Emma Martin**  
 North Oldham High School  
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**Christian Pottinger**  
 Trinity High School  
 Spencerian College



**Paxton Vaughn**  
 Eastern High School  
 Western Kentucky University



**Zoe Hall**

***Upcoming Events at Highland***

- May 20 Celebration for Nina Maples; Children's Spring Music Program
- May 23 Handbell/Orchestra Spring Concert
- May 28 Church Offices Closed
- May 30 Last Wednesday of Regular Programming; Congregational Conversation
- June 6 Church-wide Picnic at Hogan's Fountain
- June 15-16 Annual Pride Festival and Parade
- June 26-29 PASSPORT *kids!* Camp
- July 4 Church Offices Closed
- July 15 Quarterly Church Conference
- July 20-22 Vacation Bible School Camp

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Thank you to the following generous people who gave to Highland Baptist Church in loving memory of:

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