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A thinking, feeling, healing community of faith

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Party with Your Pastors at Summer Gatherings

Join Highland's pastoral staff for dessert and coffee this summer as we seek to get to know you better! You are invited to "party with your pastors" at one of our three Summer Fellowship Gatherings: June 24, July 29, and August 26, from 6:00 until 7:30 p.m. Each gathering will be in one of our minister's home. Location information will be sent out to attendees before each event. Sign-up in the Commons or online at <https://hbclouisville.org/2018/06/11/summer-fellowship-gatherings/> as long as space remains.

Reflections from Pride Sunday by Troy Burden

Highland Baptist Church has been my home church for nearly 23 years now. This past Sunday, the Pride Service, brought me to tears. I love Highland and this just underscores the deep love I have for our church and the love that the church shows to its LGBTQ community. I am not a person who likes to be out in front, but more a work behind the scenes (on a lot of committees apparently) kind of guy. When I joined Highland, it was one of the few congregations that accepted LGBTQ folks. It was a quiet acceptance. It was inclusionary. It was transforming for me. Having been asked to leave the Baptist church of my university years for being gay, Highland truly became a place where I was healed. The Thinking, Feeling, Healing motto ran deep and true and invited me to be part of church again.



In my years at Highland, I have been thrilled to find so many allies for the LGBTQ community. The ministry staff have been so vocal, supportive, and loving to the LGBTQ community. My Sunday School class (SALT) has seen me through many years of relationship, parenting, loss, and joy. Having that support and acceptance being named in a dedicated service means so much. There are so many LGBTQ folks who now call Highland Baptist home. Just like all groups, the LGBTQ community cannot all be painted with the same rainbow colored brush. All of us have our own stories, gifts, talents, strengths, and weaknesses. Having this celebrated in worship was an amazingly affirming experience.

The intentional work of True Colors has gifted Highland Baptist with a clear outreach of our congregation to the LGBTQ community. This outreach and the leadership of True Colors is evident in the number of LGBTQ folks that visit, participate, and have joined the congregation. The behind the scenes relational work of many of us for many years has provided that solid foundation that paved the way for this more overt ministry. But if not for our allies, none of this would be possible. It is because of the love, acceptance, support, and patience of our heterosexual allies that Highland Baptist is the congregation that we want to belong to. Sure, it's not perfect. Sure, we have more work to do. But thanks be to God that we are all willing to journey through this life as Church together.



**Weekend Services
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

Mark 4:26-34

Jim England, Proclaimer

Anthem: *His Voice as the Sound*
Ashley Sumner, Alto Recorder

Liminal Wonderings ...

My heart is full of hope on steroids because of our worship Sunday. Perry's sermon on siblings was a prophetic call to a loving inclusiveness. The testimonies invited us to awareness and appreciation of personal journeys. The mission moment reminded us of the many ways people get broken and healed. The blessing of those marching in the Gay Pride parade made me proud. The music called me to contemplation. I am so grateful to be part of this church.

Next Sunday is my turn to preach. The pulpit will look kind of bland after having those beautiful rainbow colors removed. Thanks to all who made the worship so beautiful!

My hope for our in-between time is for us to continue to hear the stories of people in our church and community. I hope for more understanding of our differences and celebration of our uniqueness. I celebrate the results of the work of love and, in faith, look forward to where that Love leads.

The Love of God expressed through people who love is a powerful life giving, redeeming power. Let us exercise it with joy. ~ Jim England

Gratitude for a Wonderful Church Picnic

Join me in gratitude for all those who helped make this year's Church Picnic a wonderful success: Kathy Belcher, Tricia Brooks, Terri Connolly, Tara Davis, Jessica Edelen, Geoff Hale, Scott Kerr, Keith Pendleton, Norma Pendleton, Jennifer Porter, Kim Shippey, Tyler Swim, JoAnne Taheri, and Gary Waller.

**Highland's Word
To Our Community**



2018 CBF Global Mission Offering

Please remember to keep your offering donations coming. The monies collected directly support CBF field personnel.

Offering funds can be given throughout the year, although we have a \$10,000 goal for this month! So, give big and generously. Special offering envelopes are available in the Commons, or you can simply write "global mission offering" on the memo line of your check or if you pay online. The Global Partnerships Team thanks you for the \$5,425 already collected!

HBC Goal: \$10,000
Given to date: \$5,425

Summer Family Faith Formation Resource Available



Buckets of sidewalk chalk and colorful papers abound on the 2nd floor and many of you have been asking what the buckets are about! The Summer Bucket List is a resource for your family to stay connected with one another and with God this summer, even as our daily rhythms shift and travel increases. Gather a friend and do some cheerful sidewalk chalking to encourage a neighbor or to say thank you at the end of a visit with friends. Remember that “God is here” no matter where you are and capture a photo to remind you! Talk together about the beauty of God’s creation as you road trip and notice where people who share the road with you are from. Stargaze in the backyard and remember that you are part of the promise of God to Abraham, descendants more numerous than the stars in the sky. Use hashtags to share pictures on our *Children and Family Ministry of Highland* Facebook group—#hbckids #summerbucketlist—and share stories with your church friends about your adventures! It is but one way we will stay connected this summer even when we are physically apart from one another. Questions? Contact Renee.

Picnics on the Playground Begin June 13

As a way to stay connected through the summer months, families with children are invited to gather on the church playground for picnics through the summer! We will gather on the following Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.: June 13, June 20, June 27; July 11, July 18, July 25. Bring a picnic lunch for your family (no peanuts/tree nuts please!), sunscreen, and a blanket or chairs to sit on. Children will have the opportunity to play with one another, while adults have time to fellowship. Bring a friend and join us for a time of fun and fellowship! An RSVP is not necessary, but please note that if it is raining, we will not gather.

Important Dates to Remember

- June 13 Picnic on the Playground
- June 26-29 PASSPORT *kids!*
- July 20-22 Vacation Bible School Camp

Upcoming Trips

Youth head to Passport in Greensboro, NC: June 17-23
 High School Youth head to Mission Trip in Washington, DC: June 30-July 7



This Thursday: Libation Theology

Libation Theology provides an informal gathering time to share a meal, nurture communion with the larger faith family, and grow in our understanding of “the worship that is our daily lives.” Join us this Thursday, June 14, for our monthly Libation Theology at 6:30 p.m. This month, we will explore the challenge we face as we seek to support the church during the interim—how do we offer our time and talents to the church while also balancing the obligations, opportunities, and interests we have in other areas of our life? What does balance look like as a member of the Body of Christ? We will gather in the loft area at Molly Malone’s in St. Matthews (the corner of Shelbyville Road and Breckinridge Lane). No reservation required. For more information, please contact Carol Harston, Lance Springs or Becki Streif.



Highland Community Ministries—Summer Food Drive



Highlands Community Ministries
 One Tree, Many Branches

Our congregation is participating in HCM’s Summer Food Drive. Dare to Care gets depleted during the summer due to higher demand, which creates shortages in the local food pantries by the time school starts. We will provide cans of tuna fish. Please leave them in the wooden bins outside the choir room. You will also find collection barrels inside the Highlands Kroger and ValuMarket in the Mid-City Mall.



Missions Corner

Tamales! Tamales! Tamales!

On account of your generosity we were able to donate over \$400 to our friend who shared her delicious tamales with us earlier this month. You all are an amazing and thoughtful group of people. Is it not wonderful when the Spirit shows up (wrapped in corn husks) to nurture us in the ways of vitality, camaraderie, and safety?

Please Join Us for Our

Fifth Friday Fellowship

When:
Friday, June 29, 2018
We will begin serving dinner at 6:30pm

Where:
Highland Baptist Church
1101 Cherokee Road
Louisville, KY

SUMMER COOKOUT

Great Time For Fellowship!

What:
We will be serving Hot Pops & Brats along with a great deal of home cooked sides; singing-along to great music; and, being in fellowship with one another.

Ever Yone Welcomes!



As part of an effort to evaluate our interim season, the **Pastoral Interim Committee seeks your feedback.** Please offer your responses at <https://goo.gl/forms/NYmraQVwYaRbUzzq2> or scan this QR code.

Interim Update Corner



**This Week
at Highland**

Tuesday, June 12

Hope for a Brighter Day (FH) 5:30 p.m.
Finance MG (103) 6 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous (FH) 10 p.m.

Wednesday, June 13

No Regular Evening Activities/Supper
Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)6-7:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 14

Cream of the Crop Trip (Off-site).....9:30 a.m.
Libation Theology (Off-site)..... 6:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous (FH) 7 p.m.

Friday, June 15

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

Sunday, June 17

Worship8:30 a.m.
Worship9:30 a.m.
Bible Study9:30 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Bible Study 11 a.m.
Global Partnerships Team (103) 6 p.m.

Monday, June 18

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

Tuesday, June 19

Hope for a Brighter Day (FH) 5:30 p.m.
Worship MG Retreat (Off-site)5:30-8:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous (FH) 10 p.m.

Upcoming Events at Highland

June 14 Libation Theology
June 15 Annual Pride Parade
June 15-16 Annual Pride Festival
June 17-23 Youth PASSPORT Camp
June 24 Summer Fellowship Gathering;
June 26-29 PASSPORT *kids!* Camp
June 30-July 7 High School Youth Mission Trip

July 4 Church Offices Closed
July 8 Watermelon Social
July 14 Annual Sewing Blitz
July 15 Quarterly Church Conference
July 20-22 Vacation Bible School Camp
July 29 Summer Fellowship Gathering

August 22 Wednesday activities/suppers resume
August 26 Summer Fellowship Gathering

This Week's Deacons

Friday, 7:00 p.m.

Kathy Belcher (C), Jim McBee

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Tony Dougherty (C), Vicki Runnion,
Gene Streible, Tyler Swim (G)

Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Michael DeWhatley (C), Allison French (G),
Bill Martin, Jim McBee

Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

John Foster (G), Holly Harris,
Sharon Sanders, Kim Shippey (C)

Cream of the Crop Upcoming Trip July 18

Cream of the Crop is a group, retirement age and above, that gathers monthly. Our activities range from potlucks to trips to local places of interest.

We hope you will join us on Wednesday, July 18 for a lunch cruise on the Mary Miller Riverboat on the Ohio River. We'll gather at the church at 10:45 a.m. and take the mini-bus downtown. Boarding time on the Mary Miller Riverboat is 11:30 a.m., and the sailing time is noon. The cost for the lunch cruise is \$30 per person. RSVP to Joanne Taheri by Tuesday, July 10. We hope you can join us!

Dear HBC family,

Thank you for your investment in the Association of Welcoming & Affirming Baptists in 2017 and your commitment to do so again in 2018. Your generosity to organizations such as ours extends the reach of HBC beyond our corner at Grinstead and Cherokee, beyond Louisville, beyond Kentucky to more than 40 states and LGBTQ individuals who are seeking comfort, acceptance, and a church family such as ours.



Because of your generosity, we accomplished the following in 2017:

- Revised organizational systems including bylaws, accounting, email marketing, and development
- Service-marked the AWAB logo and developed a style guide to promote consistent Baptist welcoming and affirming branding
- Partnered with WitPR in Hollywood to offer tickets and/or private screenings to *Moonlight, Wonder, I'll Push You, Roman J. Israel Esq., and Marshall*
- Provided AWAB member churches with custom-branded marketing brochures, PRIDE materials, a 2018 inclusive Baptist calendar, and a copy of *A Brief Guide to Ministry with LGBTQIA Youth*
- Implemented an empowerment and support group for LGBTQ pastors and seminarians
- Hosted panel discussions regarding legal, economic, and ethical perspectives for LGBTQ rights and LGBTQ involvement in Cooperative Baptist Fellowship churches
- Established a toll-free number to enable churches to contact AWAB at no cost
- Exhibited at the Alliance of Baptists Gathering, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship General Assembly, and the American Baptist Church Biennial Mission Summit

Your offerings each week do more than simply accomplish a task list, they promote transformative hospitality and inclusion to LGBTQ Baptists throughout the United States and soon in Canada. As we celebrate Pride Week this week, please know the power of your offerings and your love. ~Katie Chapman

Around Highland...

... For the summer, the Highland Book Club will be reading two books, both by James Baldwin: The Fire Next Time and Giovanni's Room. We will discuss these books on Sunday, August 26, at 6:00 p.m., in room 103. Everyone is invited!

... Several from Highland will be attending Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's General Assembly in Dallas, Texas, this week: Bojangles Blanchard, Michelle Tupper Butler, Ben Burton, Katie Chapman, Perry Dixon, Carol Harston, Bill Holmes, Frank Tupper, Chris Sanders, Jon Sanders. We will also be able reunite with John Ray Roberts (now a chaplain in the military in Charleston, SC) and with Matt and Clare Johnson from our sister church, Ridgewood Baptist. CBF General Assembly seeks to celebrate the Church, both around the world and down the street through workshops, worship, events, exhibits, and meeting places.

Weekly Financial Report June 3, 2018 (22 weeks)

	Weekly Requirement	Receipts This Week	YTD Requirements	YTD Receipts	YTD Over/Under
Contributions	\$20,477.93	\$24,058.97	\$464,897.14	\$443,538.40	(\$21,358.74)
Other Income	\$1,034.13	\$447.33	\$22,750.91	\$25,897.65	\$3,146.74
Total	\$21,512.06	\$24,506.30	\$487,648.05	\$469,436.05	(\$18,212.00)



2015 Building Renovation Project

Contributed this week	\$765.00	Loan Balance	\$41,189.00
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