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A thinking, feeling, healing community of faith

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Children Travel to VBS Camp This Weekend

This Friday, July 20, 26 children and 22 adult chaperones will travel to Vacation Bible School Camp at a nearby retreat center in Crestwood, Kentucky. Each year, our children go away for a 3-day, 2-night retreat, where we have all of the traditional elements of VBS—recreation, art, Bible story, mission and snack—while experiencing the gift of building relationships with other children and adults in our community of faith by living life together around the meal table, as we laugh and play at the pool and as we study together in a concentrated segment of time.

This type of community building experience is common for adults or youth at camps or retreats, and many of you have experienced the transformation that happens when you spend time with a group of people in shared experience. It is less common for the youngest ones in our midst to have this type of experience and so we carefully design VBS Camp to create space for deep friendships to blossom and for children to encounter God in many different ways.

As we engage our camp theme, *Rolling River Rampage: Experiencing the Ride of a Lifetime with God* this weekend, we hope that you will join us in prayer. Pray that our children will experience God in a real and present way, not just through knowledge, but through deep awareness that God walks with them. Pray that our chaperones will experience God through leading and teaching children the stories of Jesus. Pray that our entire community of faith will be inspired by the words of scripture, "and a little child shall lead them," and that we might be brave enough to follow when our children's voices speak about our faith community's call to engage God's beautiful world.



Deacons Selected to Serve; Vote July 27-29

Finally, we have a slate of nominees for deacon, and voting will occur on July 27 and 29. We are a bit late this year, due in part to the process of choosing a Pastor Search Committee, and then vacation season complicated making contacts. But these nominees are worth the wait, and we are happy to nominate Suzanne Busse, Steven Carr, Joey Eubank, Sally Evans, Michael French, Guthrie Graves-Fitzsimmons, Jeff Grey, Doris Hornbuckle, and John Pacyga.

The service of ordination and installation will be Sunday, August 26, at 6:00 p.m., and we urge you to put this important service on your calendar now.

We express our gratitude to these nine individuals who are willing to serve Highland in this way.



Joey Eubank



Sally Evans



Michael French



Guthrie Graves-Fitzsimmons



Jeff Grey



Suzanne Busse



Steven Carr



Doris Hornbuckle



John Pacyga

Liminal Wonderings ...

Last Saturday, I ran in a race started by a young friend of mine when she was a teenager. I met her at her church where I served as interim. She heard of a country where AIDS was killing lots of people and when a man died, his wife and children would be kicked out of their village. A missionary had started a village to help these people who had nothing and nowhere to go. Saturday marked the 10th anniversary of this race that raises money to support that village. Two young men spoke at the awards ceremony and told us how people there would eat because of the money raised. They spoke of opportunities they had because of money raised. They spoke their gratitude.

I have often heard adolescence described as an in between time; a time between childhood and adulthood. I wonder if anyone would have noticed had she not started the race. Yet, she saw the need, decided she could do something about it, and did the work to fulfill her vision. She models for me what we can do in our "in between" times. We can still see need, affirm our own capacities, envision the work of love and do it.

I am glad Rachel is my friend. ~ Jim England

Moroccan Migrant Camps Dismantled

I am writing with a special prayer request for this week. Yesterday morning, the migrant camp in Fes was dismantled. The tolerance seems to have ended. The folks who were there are in the street in the low-income neighborhoods at the moment, but at risk of being pursued by residents because there are just so many of them.

We understand that something similar happened in Casablanca as well yesterday. I will let you know when we have more news, but this has created an even greater housing crisis than already existed.
~ Karen Thomas Smith, CBF field personnel in Morocco

**Weekend Services
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

Ephesians 2
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Running on Empty
Jim England, Proclaimer

Anthem:
Christ the Way of Life Possess Me

**Highland's Word
To Our Community**



Cream of the Crop Gathering August 14

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 Tuesday, August 14, for a noon potluck lunch and a movie in Highland's Fellowship Hall. We will gather at noon to eat, followed by the movie around 1:00 p.m. RSVP to Joey Eubank by Sunday, August 12.

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!

Picnics on the Playground Continue July 18

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.: 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! A RSVP is not necessary, but please note that if it is raining, we will not gather.

Children's Corner

Important Dates to Remember

July 18 Picnic on the Playground
July 20-22 Vacation Bible School Camp

Please Note:

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

KK AND HB Kentucky Kingdom

This Sunday, July 22, we will head to Kentucky Kingdom for some fun after church. Check out the facebook event at <https://www.facebook.com/events/208011933129925/> and plan to meet us.

Young Adult Corner

New Women's Group

Are you a young adult who identifies as female and looking for a way to connect through conversation and quality time? Then, you may want to check out the new women's group. Our initial gathering will be Thursday, July 26, at 7:00 p.m., at Lauren's home. Email her for more information and to RSVP.

Leslie Townsend and Leslea Townsend Cronin will co-lead this monthly gathering that seeks to make space for authentic community, empowerment, self-acceptance, and vulnerability.

Fall Retreat—Save the Date

We will journey to Camp Pyoca in Indiana this year for our fall retreat, and it is going to be amazing! So, mark the dates on your calendar now—November 9-11. Our theme: "Belong: How to be Yourself in Community" will equip us to understand more fully how our identity as individual children of God equips us to engage one another, family, and culture in ways that create wholeness and health.

Financial scholarships are available. Money should not be a reason to keep you from joining us for this meaningful time of togetherness and fun. Contact Lauren if this is the case. More information on sign-ups, cost, and other detes coming soon.

Theology on Tap, August 2, at 6:00 p.m.

We keep at our monthly gathering for conversation and cordials at Baxter's 942. We gather at 6:00 p.m. and begin discussion at 6:30 p.m. Our Theology on Tap facebook page has all the info: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/130904047593409/?ref=bookmarks>.

We will wrap up a four-month series on "Who Am I?" at online, at work, at church, and now at home! The time will be lively and meaningful. Join us.



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Our Mission

God's Love compels us to cultivate a safe, welcoming community of faith where all are challenged to discover, grow, and serve, as together we boldly live out the worship that is our very lives.

Our Vision

We dream of being an engaging, vibrant Christian church, where transformed people are joining the work of God, creating a world where justice and Love are abundant.

Our Values

- We value a **deeply spiritual, Christ-centered faith** that opens us to life, equips us to serve, and calls us to action.
- We value a **courageous, progressive theology** whose relevance extends from the pew to the street, that engages both the mind and the heart, and that welcomes everyone from the skeptic to the devoted.
- We value **all people**, not in spite of, but precisely because of all that makes each one unique.
- We value **being doers of the word**, living out what Jesus taught: showing hospitality to strangers, confronting injustice, giving voice to those who have been silenced.
- We value a **healthy community**, where honest relationships provide all people safety, encouragement, acceptance, and healing, and challenge us to practice gentleness, forgiveness, and continued growth.
- We value **embracing challenge and change**: naming hard things, asking questions, and leaning into tensions and ambiguity.
- We value **growing together across the lifespan**, through multi-generational and intergenerational relationships and ministries.
- We value being rooted in our **distinct and radical heritage** that compels us to breathe new life into bedrock Baptist principles.
- We value **broad and deep worship** that invites us into the mystery of a loving God.
- We value **being good stewards** of all we have been given, discerning together how best to use our financial, physical, human, and spiritual gifts to follow Jesus and carry out our mission.

This Week at Highland

Tuesday, July 17

KY Choral Directors Association (Sanctuary, Commons, FH, Choir Room) 8 a.m.
 Orff Ensemble Music Camp (Youth Suite) 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
 Hope for a Brighter Day (FH) 5:30 p.m.
 Alcoholics Anonymous (FH) 10 p.m.

Wednesday, July 18

No Regular Evening Activities/Supper
 Orff Ensemble Music Camp (Youth Suite) 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
 Cream of the Crop Trip (Off-site) 10:45 a.m.
 Picnic on the Playground 11 a.m.
 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Choir Room) 6 p.m.

Thursday, July 19

Orff Ensemble Music Camp (Youth Suite) 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
 Pastoral Interim Committee (Youth Suite) 6:30 p.m.
 Environmental Action Team (103) 7 p.m.
 Alcoholics Anonymous (FH) 7 p.m.

Friday, July 20

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

Saturday, July 21

Wedding (Sanctuary) 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 22

Worship 8:30 a.m.
 Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
 Mission and Justice MG NTL Touch Base (101) 10:30 a.m.
 Worship 11 a.m.
 Bible Study 11 a.m.
 Tamale Event (Commons) 12 p.m.
 Personnel MG (Youth Suite) 12:15 p.m.

Monday, July 23

HBC Bookends (103) 2 p.m.
 Immigration Mission Team (Commons) 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 24

Hope for a Brighter Day (FH) 5:30 p.m.
 Committee on MG (200) 6 p.m.
 Alcoholics Anonymous (FH) 10 p.m.

Upcoming Events at Highland

July 18 Cream of the Crop Trip
 July 20-22 Vacation Bible School Camp
 July 29 Summer Fellowship Gathering

August 2 Libation Theology
 August 11 MensWork Breakfast
 August 14 Cream of the Crop Potluck Lunch/Movie
 August 19 Morocco Dinner; Summer Fellowship Gathering
 August 22 Wednesday activities/suppers resume

September 3 Church Offices Closed
 September 8 MensWork Breakfast
 September 13 Libation Theology

A Note of Thanks

To all the congregation at Highland Baptist,
 All to whom attended and loved Dottie Adams Frank, thank you so much for your love and friendships you have showed over the years.
 Our love, ~ Granger Adams and Tracy Smith

This Week's Deacons

Friday, 7:00 p.m.

Mike McFall

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Tony Dougherty (C), Vicki Rynnion (G), Tyler Swim

Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Mary Burks, Becky Holloman, Bill Martin (G), Jim McBee (C)

Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

Kathy Belcher, Becky Holloman (G), Kim Shippey, David Wells (C)

Tamales, Tamales, and More Tamales This Sunday

You will want to stop by the Commons after the 11:00 worship service this Sunday, July 22, to get some tamales made by a Mexican immigrant mother of two. She has made tamales for us twice in the recent past. Your donations help her pay rent and other living expenses. Thanks in advance to Becky Martin for serving as our interpreter for the occasion.



Collections Continue

Your generosity continues to offer support to many in our community! So please keep it coming. Help us fill up the collection bins (in the hallway outside the choir room) with cans of tuna, backpacks for school kids, black or blue ballpoint pens, and highlighters. These goods support Highlands Community Ministries' food bank and back-to-school ministry for local families.

Sewing Blitz Joy

The individuals who participated in this ongoing ministry donated to YMCA Safe Place the following: 659 personal care items, 15 pairs of pajamas, and 100 large drawstring bags. The sewers range from middle schoolers to members of Cream of the Crop. If you are a novice seamstress or expert tailor, all are welcome to join us for this time of fellowship and mission. Stay tuned for the next gathering this fall.



An Invitation from the Anti-Racism Team

Members of the anti-racism team invite you to join them at this informational gathering, sponsored by Louisville Showing Up for Racial Justice (LSURJ) at Central Presbyterian Church. "Did you know that people are being held in our jail simply because they cannot pay their bail? That means if you have money, you get out and if you do not have money, you don't," explains LSURJ.

To see a short video that shows how Cash Bail impacts lives, disproportionately people of color, people who are undocumented, as well as anyone who is poor and trapped in the system, visit <https://vimeo.com/244729509>.



Friday, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

Weekly Financial Report July 8, 2018 (27 weeks)

* Please note the adjustment to the YTD Requirements totals. This amount has been corrected from previous reporting.

	Weekly Requirement	Receipts This Week	YTD Requirements*	YTD Receipts	YTD Over/Under
Contributions	\$20,024.54	\$24,867.31	\$537,538.17	\$533,631.60	(\$3,906.57)
Other Income	\$1,103.37	\$2,406.33	\$29,790.79	\$31,247.67	\$1,456.88
Total	\$21,127.91	\$27,273.64	\$567,328.96	\$564,879.27	(\$2,449.69)



2015 Building Renovation Project

Contributed this week	\$1,023.00	Loan Balance	\$34,887.00
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