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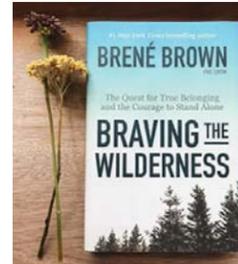
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**“The Courage to Take Root” Begins Wednesday**

We begin a new year of Wednesday nights in a much different place than we did last August. Within the past year, we have said “goodbye” to two beloved twenty-year pastors and we have entered a time of transition. This year, we will explore what it looks like to have courage for the days ahead. We begin with the **courage to take root**. During these interim days, how do we nurture a sense of belonging that outlasts the uncertainty of our times?

We will explore this question together in our first Wednesday night class for adults (August 29, September 5, September 12) as Carol Harston, Lauren Jones Mayfield, and Renee Purtlebaugh lead us through a study of Brené Brown’s recent book, **Braving the Wilderness: The Quest for True Belonging and the Courage to Stand Alone**. The well-worn paths have disappeared, and the way forward is uncertain. Join us as we walk this journey towards courageous living together. Should you be interested in reading along with us, **Braving the Wilderness** can be found online at <https://www.carmichaelsbookstore.com/book/9780812995848>.



**Joyful Celebration of Milestones Moments for Children and Youth on Promotion Sunday**

On Promotion Sunday, 89 children and 30 youth participated in our multiple hours of worship and Bible study! We marked milestone moments for our Kindergarten children and their families as these 23 children were invited into the worship of God in our larger community of faith for the first time. We also marked milestone moments for our 6<sup>th</sup> grade youth and their families as they transition from the children and family ministry area to our youth and family ministry area. It was a joyful, energetic morning with wiggles in the pew, awe and wonder at the beauty of the stained glass windows and the sound of the congregation singing, full of overflowing classrooms with introductions and the stories of Jesus, and exuberant playfulness in the Children’s Commons between hours of worship and Bible study. We are grateful to be part of a faith community that is alive with the sounds and voices of children and youth who will lead us not just in the future, but right now as they seek God and as they learn and grow and experience the mystery of our faith and the courageous call to love and care and include others right where they are. We also give great thanks for families who prioritize this faith journey and join their children and youth in the discovery of what it means to be a faithful follower of Jesus as we move through this life together.



As the sun shone directly through the stained-glass windows, causing the whole place to glow with reds, blues, yellows, and greens, the church ordained Steven Michael Carr, Sally Evans, Guthrie Graves-Fitzsimmons and Jeff Grey on Sunday evening. Through shared scripture reading, ordination, prayer, and communion, Highland’s deacons embark upon a new year of service in the congregation and beyond. We are grateful to Kim Shippey (Chair) and Bill Martin (Vice Chair) for their willingness to serve this year!

**Weekend Services  
Fifteenth Sunday  
after Pentecost**

James 1  
Mark 7:1-23

*Don't Forget to Wash Your Hands*  
Jim England, Proclaimer

Communion Anthem:  
*For the Bread Which  
You Have Broken*

Music by Highland’s Guitar Ensemble

**Please Note:**

The church offices will be closed this Monday, September 3, in observance of Labor Day holiday.

**Liminal Wonderings ...**

Some random thoughts on images in the news. Did you see the bear in the lobby of the Stanley Hotel in Estes Park, Colorado? Or the hailstorm piling ice in an arcade in Manitou Springs, Colorado? I know you saw images of the volcano and streams of lava flowing through mountains and popping out of the ground on the Big Island in Hawaii. No doubt you saw the satellite imagery of the hurricane that brushed by Hawaii dumping heavy rain and causing heaving flooding.

By odd coincidence in the last few years, we stayed at that hotel. I ran a race on that volcano. We played games in that arcade. The flooded places in Hawaii looked familiar though there are likely similar spots throughout the islands. Watching these places struggle with mother nature feels differently to me. Because we have been there, there is a sadness for loss. There is awe for the creative/destructive power of nature. I feel hope for people to recover what they lost. I hope the bear can find its way without gobbling any travelers.

So much happens beyond our control. Then there is the response to these events. I recall the terrible fires in the Smoky Mountains. I recall that Dolly Parton gave of her wealth to the people affected by the fire. She stated that the Smoky Mountains were her home too and that these were her people.

I wonder if I will limit myself to kinship for the places I have been and the people I have seen. I wonder if I might not grow to see the time when I say of the whole planet, “This is my world. These are my people.” Hmm. Sounds like stewardship of creation and the heart of missions. ~ Jim England

**Highland’s Word  
To Our Community**



## Families with Children Fall Picnic, September 16

Join us for our annual fall picnic at Farnsley Park! We will gather from 4:00 until 6:00 p.m. Bring a picnic meal for your family, picnic blankets/chairs and water gear. The sprayground will be available, as will the playground. We will play, eat and get to know one another better! RSVP to [renee@hbclouisville.org](mailto:renee@hbclouisville.org) by Friday, September 6, so that we can communicate with you should weather alter our plans.

Children's Corner

## A Note about Worship Care Schedules

Please note that our current Worship Care rotation schedules continue through September 16. The new schedules for the coming year will begin on Sunday, September 23. Please make plans to trade with someone if you will be away, as our structure on Sunday mornings relies on your presence to function effectively.

## Important Dates to Remember

September 16 Fall Picnic at Farnsley Park, 4:00-6:00 p.m.  
September 23 New Worship Care Schedule Begins

## Soul Shop: Ministering to Suicidal Desperation Workshop September 14-15

Soul Shop is a one day training for church leaders aimed at helping people find their best minds in times of personal crisis by addressing suicidal thinking as a regular aspect of ministry.

Two workshops will be held in Fellowship Hall on Friday, September 14, and Saturday, September 15, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. You may register for either event at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) and search Soul Shop for Clergy and Clinicians or Youth Workers and Laity. There is a \$15 registration cost which covers breakfast, lunch and materials.

Email Phillip Garrett with any questions.

Last Saturday, August 26, Naomi Sipe, Dean Sipe, Amelia, Elliot, Livia, Cooper, Chris, Raleigh Dixon, Jennifer Baker, Max, and Gwyneth parked cars for the Louisville Zombie Walk in shifts from 4:00 until 8:00 p.m., raising \$270 for the Youth Community. It was a fun afternoon of fellowship with one another and the money raised will go straight towards supporting youth who benefit from scholarships to participate in our programming. As one who benefitted every year from scholarships growing up, I care deeply about being financially welcoming to all. Massive thanks to all who came out to help, and to Tonya Williams for letting us use some sweet traffic cones! We are off and running with a new year in the youth community—Wednesday nights are back, Mentor Groups start on September 9, and Bible Study is off and running with some new adult leaders. Lastly, on Sunday, September 16, new Youth Parents will gather to learn about all that is ahead for their youth and their families with lunch and conversation from 12:30 until 2:00 p.m., at the Baker Home. Check out our calendar below! ~ Perry

Youth Corner

## Wednesdays

August 29—Youth Fellowship, 6:00-7:15 p.m., Youth Suite  
September 5—Youth Fellowship, 6:00-7:15 p.m., Youth Suite  
September 12—Youth Fellowship, 6:00-7:15 p.m., Youth Suite

## Sundays

September 2—Bible Study, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Youth Suite  
September 9—Bible Study, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Youth Suite; MS and HS Girls Group p.m.  
September 16—Bible Study, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Youth Suite; Guys Group p.m.;  
New Youth Parent Gathering, 12:30-2:00 p.m., at Baker home

## Fall Picnic

We will gather at Lauren's home on Saturday, September 8, at 6:00 p.m., for food and yard games. This is a potluck. This is fun. You should attend. More information available soon on Facebook and in the YA Newsletter.

Young Adult Corner

## Hymns for the Hymnless, October 7, at 7:00 p.m.

If you would like to help plan our next service, please plan to join us on Thursday, September 13, and/or Tuesday, September 25, both at 7:00 p.m. We will consider a theme for the service, music, and of course, liturgy.

## Habitat for Humanity

Are you a Young Adult? Would you like to volunteer with the Habitat for Humanity? On Saturday, September 22, YAs and Highland's Habitat for Humanity and Other Housing Solutions Mission Team will volunteer in the Portland Neighborhood for a few hours that morning. Parents for Progress, bring your kids with you! Ages 6 and up are invited. The YAs will grab a bit of lunch after we finish at The Table. RSVP to Lauren or Steven Michael Carr.

## Adult Bible Study: Meet the Challengers!



*Time & Location:* 9:30 Bible Study Hour, Fellowship Hall

*Class Description:* Alive with curiosity, The Challengers are a community of learners who appreciate contextual biblical study. Steve Brown's biblical expertise inspires all to wonder together about how the history of God's people informs our faith. All members bring their own expertise to the conversation so that they might journey together through ancient texts as modern readers.

*Currently:* The Challengers class is studying the life and letters of the apostle Paul. Using Acts as our guide, we are looking at the cities that Paul visited and as we come to one to which he penned an epistle we stop and study that epistle. At this time, we are in Corinth and working our way through the two letters written to that church.



## Please Join Us For "Fifth Friday Fellowship"

Everyone Welcome!



Great Time For Fellowship!

**When:** Friday, August 31, 2018  
We will begin serving dinner at 6:30pm  
**Where:** Highland Baptist Church  
1101 Cherokee Road  
Louisville, KY

**What:** We will be serving Barbecue with all the sides, singing-along to great music, and hearing an inspirational message!

## Help Needed for Fellowship Dinner

We are in need of side dishes and desserts for the Fifth Friday Fellowship Dinner. If you are willing to help, you may drop off your side dish or dessert during church office hours and place in the kitchen (please be sure to label it "Friday Church"). Or, you may come after 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 31. We would love to have stay and join us for dinner and fellowship. Thank you!

Friday Church Corner



## The World's Largest Potluck

The Mission and Justice Ministry Group invites you to attend the Global Human Project's "World Largest Potluck" dinner on Sunday, September 16, at 5:00 p.m. in Iroquois Park. Members from Friday Church and several Bible studies will gather at this wonderful, annual Louisville event. If you have questions or to RSVP, contact Lela Hendrix.





## This Week at Highland

### Tuesday, August 28

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

### Wednesday, August 29

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—The Courage to Take Root (FH) .....6:10-7:10 p.m.  
Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Choir Room) .....7:15-8:15 p.m.

### Thursday, August 30

Alcoholics Anonymous (FH) .....7 p.m.

### Friday, August 31

Friday Church Fifth Friday Fellowship Supper (Commons, Lobby).....6:30 p.m.  
Narcotics Anonymous (FH) .....8 p.m.

### Sunday, September 2

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.  
Adult MG (FH Stage)..... 12 p.m.  
Worship MG (103) ..... 12 p.m.  
New Members MG (122) ..... 12:15 p.m.

### Monday, September 3

Church Offices Closed  
Leadership (Youth Suite) .....6 p.m.

### Tuesday, September 4

Emma Leachman Women's Group (103) .....4 p.m.  
Hope for a Brighter Day (FH) .....5:30 p.m.  
G.R.O.W. (103).....6 p.m.  
Alcoholics Anonymous (FH)..... 10 p.m.

## Upcoming Events at Highland

August 31	Fifth Friday Fellowship Dinner
September 3	Church Offices Closed
September 8	MensWork Breakfast; YA Fall Picnic
September 9	Highlights Class
September 13	Libation Theology
September 16	Highlights Class; Families with Children Fall Picnic
September 23	Highlights Class
September 26	Cloud of Witnesses: Stories from Saints-in-Progress

## Wednesday Night Menus

### August 29

King Ranch Chicken  
Black Beans  
Spanish Rice  
Southwest Caesar Salad  
Salsa with Corn Chips  
Dessert

### September 5

Meatloaf  
Garlic Mashed Potatoes  
Southern Style Green Beans  
Pear Salad  
Rolls  
Dessert

Adults: \$7; Children ages 4-11: \$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.

## Please Note:

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

## This Week's Deacons

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

Becky Smith (C)

### Sunday, 8:30 a.m. (Communion)

Joey Eubank, Allison French (C),  
Nathan Marrs, Tyler Swim

### Sunday, 9:30 a.m. (Communion)

Bruce Carroll, Libby Cunningham,  
Michael DeWhatley (C), Sally Evans,  
Michael French, Jim McBee,  
Lewis Miller (G), Susan Pierce

### Sunday, 11:00 a.m. (Communion)

Suzanne Busse, John Foster,  
Guthrie Graves-Fitzsimmons, Holly Harris,  
Becky Holloman, Doris Hornbuckle,  
Lewis Miller (G), Kim Shippey (C),  
David Tucker, David Wells

## Guitarists Will Lead Worship This Sunday

Highland's building was empty recently on a hot August Wednesday evening when seven guitarists filled the halls with the beautiful strumming of old hymns. Fast-forward a month and they will be sharing their musical gifts in worship this Sunday, September 2, in the 9:30 and 11:00 services. The choices of what to play were endless but together they decided on three hymn tunes. Join us for worship this Sunday as we celebrate Holy Communion together and receive this musical gift.



## Highlights Classes Offered in September

New visitors and prospective members are encouraged to join us on three Sunday mornings in September for our Highlights Classes! We will gather during the 11:00 Bible study hour on September 9, 16, and 23, to share an in-depth look at Highland Baptist Church so that all may be invited to participate in our congregational life, shared discipleship, and church's mission in the world. Highland's ministry staff will lead the class in conjunction with our New Members Ministry Group. To participate, please contact Carol at [carol@hbclouisville.org](mailto:carol@hbclouisville.org).

## Cream of the Crop Trip, September 13

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

We hope you will join us on Thursday, September 13, as we travel to Huber's for lunch followed by shopping at the store. We will meet in the church's parking lot at 10:30 a.m., and will leave Huber's at 2:00 p.m. to return to church. RSVP to JoAnne Taheri by Sunday, September 9.

## Annual Senior Adult Retreat, Registration Open

The Senior Adult Ministry Group would like to invite Highland's older adults (retirement age and greater) to our 6<sup>th</sup> annual one-night, two-day retreat at the magnificent Wooded Glen Retreat Center in Henryville, Indiana, on October 14-15. Tucked away on a hillside, Wooded Glen offers a beautiful environment rich with nature (think fall leaves, rocking chairs on screened-in porches, a deck to sit by the lake, amazing food!) to steal away for quiet reflection, community building and prayer. This year, we will be led by Bob and Libby Cunningham. We will gather beginning with dinner on Sunday evening and conclude Monday mid-afternoon. A limited number of single and double rooms are available. Cost is \$95 per person (\$190 per couple), which includes lodging, three meals, unlimited snacks and program. Contact Renee Purtlebaugh by September 15 to reserve your spot and turn in your registration fee.

## Ridgewood/Highland Partnership Celebration and Lunch September 9

Please invite a friend and join us on Sunday, September 9, 11:00 a.m., at Ridgewood Baptist Church for a special celebration of the 10-year partnership between our two congregations. Reverend Joe Phelps and Reverend Nina Maples will both be speaking. If staying for lunch, RSVP to the Ridgewood office at 935-1952 or [office@ridgewoodlouisville.org](mailto:office@ridgewoodlouisville.org).



## My Faith Story: Deacon Testimony by Sally Evans

A... All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God – Romans 3:23

B... Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved – Acts 16:31

This was the start of the alphabet we recited every day when I was in kindergarten at the small school run by our church of Pentecostal persuasion. It was posted around the perimeter of the room in bright primary colors. When I think about how my faith was formed in the early days, this image comes to mind. This collection of symbols attached to a specific ideology that we committed to memory.

This would go on to construct my vocabulary of faith, how I understood myself and my relationship to God.

Of course, there were other formative images that shaped that framework. I can still see the American flag and the Christian flag side by side in the sanctuary and remember sitting in a small circle as a child praying to receive the 'gift of tongues' or kneeling on my bed earnestly asking God again and again to save me to make certain I was going to heaven. The revival preacher had said that hell was for homosexuals and for people who had abortions, but if I didn't repent, I could be there too.... I clearly remember all messengers from God were male, and we loved to sing songs about being victorious in the Lord's Army.

F... For the wages of sin is death – Rom 6:23

G... Go into all the world and preach the good news – Mark 16:15

However, there was no childhood lexicon that prepared me for a crisis of faith that came for me shortly after college. My youth ministry career was cut short by the confession of same sex attraction and when it became clear that this was more than a short lived "struggle", the dissonance in my life became overwhelming. I couldn't reconcile my childhood version of God with my experience. Things fell apart. As poet William Stafford expressed, "Was I following the wrong God home?"

For many of us, we come to a place in our journey of faith, where we realize--- we *must find another way to spell out our beliefs in order to keep them.* I had been living with inadequate definitions and desperately needed new words and rituals.

This long search led to a remodeling of my whole religious undercarriage. As Thomas Merton says, "Prayer and love are learned in the hour when prayer becomes impossible and the heart has turned to stone." I journeyed through difficult years of counseling, retreats, an ex-gay ministry, research, and eventually seminary trying to figure out what to do with these orphaned pieces of me. I didn't know it, but all those cracks in me were actually the way light was getting in... and somehow in that holy dark I found acceptance.

H... He leads me beside quiet waters, He restores my soul... – Psalm 23: 2

I... I will praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made... – Psalm 139:14

As I reflect on my faith journey, it has been a long and winding path that has included sorting out the blessings and the curses, and many times a long the way, I would never have believed I would be sitting here today telling you that I'm married to a wonderful woman raising two little ninja toddlers!

And I would never have believed that, after losing a position as a youth minister due to my sexual orientation many years ago, that I would one day be invited to serve again as a deacon.

Through it all, I have found a much more expansive understanding of God with less patriarchy and more compassion, less fear and more wonder, less soldier more pilgrim, less other and more us, less heaven as glorious ending and more kingdom of God on earth!

Friends, the symbols and words we use to tell the Good News *matters.*

Thank you for the opportunity and be a part of this solid gold Body of Christ and tell the story with you.



## Weekly Financial Report August 19, 2018 (33 weeks)

	Weekly Requirement	Receipts This Week	YTD Requirements	YTD Receipts	YTD Over/Under
Contributions	\$19,364.23	\$17,635.16	\$655,704.48	\$627,287.49	(\$28,416.99)
Other Income	\$1,103.36	\$18.79	\$36,410.98	\$37,001.74	\$590.76
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$20,467.59</b>	<b>\$17,653.95</b>	<b>\$692,115.46</b>	<b>\$664,289.23</b>	<b>(\$27,826.23)</b>



### 2015 Building Renovation Project

Contributed this week	\$150.00	Loan Balance	\$31,367.00
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*Highlights from Promotion Sunday*



**Around Highland...**

... Vicki Runnion was the recipient of the Hospice Innovator Award, selected by the KY Association of Hospice and Palliative Care. The award is given to an individual or group who has demonstrated excellence in the use of skills, caring and devotion to patients and colleagues. Congratulations Vicki!

... Have you updated your email contact list for Joe and Nina? As their church email addresses are phased out, you'll need to know how to stay in touch. Contact the church office to get their personal email addresses.



We began Wednesday night programming with a return of the Cloud of Witnesses. We are grateful for Chip Miller, David Tribble, and Carol Harston's willingness to share their faith and for Bob Cunningham's facilitation of these sacred conversations. Our next Cloud of Witnesses will be September 26.



During this interim season, we give thanks for Highland's staff! For all the ways you care for the church, equip the saints for gospel work, and invite all to participate in community life, we are forever grateful.