

Where transformed people are joining the work of God.



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
1101 Cherokee Road
Louisville, KY 40204



Inside This Issue...

- ◆ This Week at Highland
- ◆ Prayer List
- ◆ Financial Report
- ◆ More Church News

1101 Cherokee Road
Louisville, KY 40204
Phone: (502) 451-3735
Fax: (502) 451-3760
Website: www.hbclouisville.org

Deb Ackerson
deb@hbclouisville.org
FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Jerre Bassett
FULL-TIME CUSTODIAN

Frank Bassett
PART-TIME CUSTODIAN

Lauren Blackwell
lauren@hbclouisville.org
FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Fred Bogert
fred@fredbogert.com
DIRECTOR TO FRIDAY CHURCH

Don Burke
PASTOR EMERITUS

Linda Campbell
linda@hbclouisville.org
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ASSISTANT

Kathy Collier
kathy@hbclouisville.org
MINISTER OF MUSIC AND WORSHIP

Perry Dixon
perry@hbclouisville.org
ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES

Andria Eadens
andria@hbclouisville.org
PUBLICATIONS/MEMBERSHIP/OFFICE MANAGER

Austin Echols
austin@hbclouisville.org
ORGANIST AND MUSIC ASSOCIATE

Jim England
INTERIM PROCLAIMER
jim@hbclouisville.org

Carol Harston
carol@hbclouisville.org
ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR FAITH FORMATION AND CONGREGATIONAL ENGAGEMENT

Lauren Jones Mayfield
laurenjm@hbclouisville.org
ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO YOUNG ADULTS AND MISSION

Walter McWhorter
walter@hbclouisville.org
OPERATIONS DIRECTOR

Renee Purtlebaugh
renee@hbclouisville.org
ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES

Kim Shippey
kim.shippey@att.net
DEACON CHAIR

Becki Streif
bstreif@twc.com
MINISTRY COUNCIL CHAIR

Join Us for a Year of Courage

This academic year, you will hear the call to Courage in different ways. During each season, you will be invited to explore the theme through a different lens. From now until mid-October, we will beckon the **Courage to Take Root** (planting ourselves in community, even during unsettled times). Beginning in mid-October and going into November, we will share the **Courage to Cherish** as we celebrate 125 years of Highland Baptist Church and discern how we hold dear both all the gifts we have received, and the lessons learned. During Advent, we will open our eyes to the God in our midst with the **Courage to See**. In January, we will seek the **Courage for the Middle** as we see how far we've come, where we're going, and where we stand today. February brings the **Courage to Imagine** as we envision a world where justice and Love are abundant. Lent will offer **Courage for the Journey** as we approach the cross together as pilgrims on the way. As we wrap up the school year in May, we will celebrate the **Courage to Flourish** as we see all the fruit born from the roots we planted this fall.



We want **YOU** to participate in our Courage theme! Create artwork. Write poems. Take pictures. Write a long over-due apology letter. We will identify ways that you can participate throughout the year, but don't wait on us—**you**, the priesthood of all believers, are invited **now** into this courage.

Gabi Bleuel, one of Highland's college students, has created some beautiful wreaths for each season. If you look closely at the primary one that says "Courage," you will take note of all the seasons represented (root, leaves, purple cloth, water, fire, stars, blossoms). As each wreath is shared throughout the year, may these images guide you in your own life. Save them as backgrounds on your phone or laptop. Share them on social media. Help us paint banners for our hallways.

Journeys are best when they are shared by fellow pilgrims. Who knows where this road will lead, but we know that we will walk it together alongside a God who picks us up when we fall and points us towards a future filled with abundant justice and love.



Weekend Services

Psalm 19
Mark 7:27-38

Jim England, Proclaimer

**For the Living of These Days—
A Word from Carol Harston**

This past Sunday, we read together an outrageous vision: blind eyes opened, deaf ears unstopped, lame men and women dancing. Isaiah consistently instigates the Israelites' imagination, dethroning the despair that they feel during uncertain and difficult times. But these images are not meant to be mere fantasy or the illusion of a happy ending. For in the heart of the passage comes the call, "Courage! Take heart! God is here, right here!" If it is a far-away dream, there would be no courage needed.

This academic year, we invite you to courageously imagine God's kingdom **here** and **now**. The lost find a home and take root. The aged are cherished. The divine is discovered right beneath our feet. The weary find renewed energy. The complacent awaken their imagination. The paralyzed learn to walk again. The dry lands flourish abundantly.

It is happening now—Courage! Take heart!

But let me be specific: the kind of courage we're talking about is not the kind needed for Ninja Warrior competitions. We are not talking about a kind of courage that depends upon our best attempts at being super-human. I have a three-fold mantra lately that I have been reciting: (1) know how human I am and be less mad about it, (2) know how God our God is and be more in awe of it, and (3) know how Christ-enriched the human relationship is and be more responsive to it. *(continued to page 3)*

**Congregational Conversation and Called Business Meeting
Sunday, September 23**

Please plan to attend a Congregational Conversation and Called Business Meeting on Sunday, September 23, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a meal and to hear a presentation and proposal from Dr. Chris Gambill, the Director of the Center for Congregational Health. Dr. Gambill will outline how Highland can benefit from employing an "interim facilitator"—a outside specialist who assists churches like Highland during an interim transition. We will send out additional information regarding this meeting and the proposal prior to the meeting. To sign up for the meal, please contact Deb at deb@hbclouisville.org.

A Climate for Change, September 19

Do you ever feel helpless to affect the changes needed to combat climate change? So do we! But there are things that we can do as individuals and families and we can do as a community to make a tangible difference. Highland's Environmental Action Team has organized a special Wednesday night service on September 19, to teach practical ways to live more sustainably.

You will have three options for breakout learning sessions:

1. Electric Cars: Sunny Gulati of EVolve Kentucky will discuss the joys, challenges and economics of using electric vehicles and the rapid growth of the EV market.
2. Solar Panels: Tim Darst of Kentucky Interfaith Power & Light will share lessons learned from other faith communities that have adopted solar panels and his personal experience with the economics of household solar.
3. Household Waste Reduction: Lynn Quire of Zero Waste Ventures will host a brief workshop on how to reduce your household waste with lots of tips, recipes and product reviews.

You will have the opportunity to attend any two out of the three sessions. We hope you can make it! And don't forget to make your dinner reservation ahead of time by emailing deb@hbclouisville.org by Tuesday, September 18, at 11:00 a.m. This event is free, but note that the cost of the meal is \$7.00 for adults.



**4TH ANNUAL
LOUISVILLE
PRIDE FESTIVAL
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2018**

Join us at the Highland Baptist Church Booth this Saturday in welcome and celebration of the LGBTQ community!

**Highlights Classes
Continue This Sunday**

We celebrated our first Highlights Class of this season with 25 new visitors and prospective members. We will continue to meet for the next two Sundays (September 16 and 23) during the 11:00 Bible study hour in the Commons. Even if you missed the first Sunday, you are encouraged to join us as we 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 lead the class in conjunction with our New Members Ministry Group. Contact Carol at carol@hbclouisville.org to participate.



Find out more information about the Angela Project (September 14-15 at St. Stephen Church) at <https://tinyurl.com/y7ren97k>.

**Highland's Word
To Our Community**



Families with Children Fall Picnic This Sunday

Join us for our annual fall picnic at Farnsley Park this Sunday, September 16, 4:00-6:00 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 rene@hbclouisville.org by Friday, September 14, so that we can communicate with you should weather alter our plans.

Children's Corner

Pastries for Parents Next Sunday

Join the Families with Children Ministry Group for donuts, juice and coffee in the Children's Commons next Sunday, September 23, 9-9:30 a.m. and 10:30-11:00 a.m. We hope you will take a moment to pause, chat and connect with other parents as we seek to courageously *take root* in new ways this fall!

A Note about Worship Care Schedules

Please note that our current Worship Care rotation schedules continue through this Sunday. The new schedules for the coming year will begin next 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 Pastries for Parents; New Worship Care Schedule Begins

Highland's Orchestra Begins a New Season

Have you ever played a band or orchestra instrument? If so, we've got a spot for you in Highland's orchestra! Rehearsals follow Sunday morning services on the first and third Sundays of each month. Players of all ability levels are welcome with their rule: *play what you can!* The first rehearsal of the fall is Sunday, September 16, at 12:30. Contact Bruce Maples if you want to know more, or to sign up!



Please Note:

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

We hope you will join us for Louisville Pride this Saturday, September 15! Stop by any time from 11:00 a.m. onward to visit the Highland Booth among the others on Bardstown Road and share Highland's message of love and welcome for all (with some sweet custom Pride button making as well)!

Our mentor groups got off to a great start last Sunday with MS and HS Girls. Next Sunday, September 16, new 6th grade parents will gather at the Baker Home from 12:30 until 2:00 p.m., before the Guys Group kicks off their year in Cherokee Park at 3:00 p.m.!

Lots going on as we continue to find God together here at Highland—we hope you will join in!

Youth Corner

This Week

Wednesday, September 12—Youth Gathering, 6:00-7:15 p.m., Youth Suite
Saturday, September 15—Louisville Pride all day on Bardstown Road
Sunday, September 16—Bible Study in Youth Suite; 6th Grade Parent Gathering, 12:30-2:00 p.m.; Guys Group, 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Thursday's Libation Theology: The Courage of our Convictions

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, September 13, for our monthly Libation Theology at 6:30 p.m. We will gather in the loft area at Molly Malone's in St. Matthews (the corner of Shelbyville Road and Breckinridge Lane). **September's Topic:** Last week Nike released a new ad narrated by NFL Quarterback Colin Kaepernick, who began kneeling during "The Star Spangled Banner" at NFL games to protest police brutality against African Americans. The ad's message is, "Believe in something, even if it means sacrificing everything." At the end of the women's US Open Tennis final, Serena Williams protested the chair umpire's calls and was fined. Retired tennis great Martina Navratilova commented, "She completely had the right message about women's inequality, but it wasn't the right time to bring it up." Are there inappropriate times or methods of protesting injustices? As followers of Jesus, what criteria should govern the when and how of speaking up and taking a stand? No reservation required. For more information, contact Carol Harston, Lance Springs, or Becki Streif.



Tuesday Adult Bible Study - Fall 2018

You are invited to join us for seven Tuesday mornings, September 18-October 30, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., in the Commons, for TABS (Tuesday Adult Bible Study). The fall study is based on the Revelation to John. John Hendrix will be our guide as we discover insights about "The Reputation of a Church." The first session on September 18 will be about The Church in Ephesus, Rev. 2:1-7. Bring a Bible and a friend; and if you are on your lunch hour, feel free to bring your lunch. Beverages will be available. All are welcome. For more information, contact Lela Hendrix or Carol Harston.

Supper Clubs Return This Fall

It is around the table that Jesus broke bread with the disciples. It is around the table that milestones are marked. It is around the table that friendships are begun. Find your place at the table in this fall's Supper Clubs! Supper clubs are a group of six people who meet together for a meal three times between late September and early December. These gatherings allow our church an opportunity to get to know one another better outside of the church building. The group gets to choose where they will meet. Some have chosen to meet for a Saturday breakfast or for Sunday lunch after worship services. It can be in the home of one of its members or it can be at a restaurant.

Sign-ups will be available this Wednesday, September 12, and this Sunday, September 16. The deadline to sign-up will be September 16. Once you sign-up, you will be invited to share your preferences (if you will have children with you, if you're comfortable with pets in the home, if you prefer dinner at homes or at restaurants, and whether you would prefer intergenerational community or a gathering of people in the same life-stage). Individuals from our young adults, families with children, and adults are helping to organize this effort! If you have questions, contact Carol at carol@hbclouisville.org and she will direct you to our Supper Club organizers.

Adult Bible Study: Meet the Generations Class!

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

Class Description: The multigenerational Generations Class, ages 50's-70's plus, gathers each Sunday to continue growing toward spiritual maturity while offering continued care for one another. Scriptural reflection and discussion includes life application. This lively fellowship keeps connected led by David Wells and teacher Chip Miller.

Currently: David Wells writes, "Chip Miller has asked me to teach the lessons in James, and I am excited about that opportunity. I will of course be using the general outline of the Teaching Guide, supplemented by the Learner's Study Guide and the Commentary. While I certainly won't be preaching, I will probably also borrow a little material from a couple of 'old sermons' that I, now a 'very old preacher' wrote and preached many years ago."

A Word from Generations:

"Our study and discussions have increased my knowledge of the Christian faith and deepened my spiritual growth."

"We felt welcomed the first time we visited, more like an extended family."

"I now have a richer deeper awareness of the real Christ."

"Our group is a safe place to fall, it's safe to share personal struggles and feelings."





This Week at Highland

Tuesday, September 11

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

Wednesday, September 12

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

Thursday, September 13

Cream of the Crop Trip (Off-site)10:30 a.m.
 Libation Theology (Off-site)6:30 p.m.
 Alcoholics Anonymous (FH).....7 p.m.

Friday, September 14

Suicide Prevention Training (FH)..... 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
 Wedding rehearsal (Sanctuary)5 p.m.
 Friday Church (Sanctuary).....7-7:45 p.m.
 Narcotics Anonymous (FH)8 p.m.

Saturday, September 15

Louisville Pride Festival (Off-site) 12-11 p.m.
 Wedding (Sanctuary).....5:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 16

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.
 Highlights Class (Commons) 11 a.m.
 Personnel MG (Pastor's Study) 12:15 p.m.
 Orchestra rehearsal (Sanctuary) 12:30 p.m.
 Mission and Justice MG (Commons) 12:30 p.m.
 Baby Shower (FH).....12:30-6 p.m.
 Global Partnerships MT (103) 6 p.m.

Monday, September 17

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

Tuesday, September 18

Tuesday Adult Bible Study (Commons) .. 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
 Hope for a Brighter Day (FH)5:30 p.m.
 Alcoholics Anonymous (FH)..... 10 p.m.

Upcoming Events at Highland

September 13	Libation Theology
September 15	Louisville Pride Festival
September 16	Highlights Class; Families with Children Fall Picnic; World's Largest Potluck
September 18	Tuesday Adult Bible Study
September 19	Climate for Change Event
September 22	Habitat's Love Your Neighbor and Home Repair Projects
September 23	Highlights Class; Congregational Conversation and Called Business Meeting
September 25	Tuesday Adult Bible Study
September 26	Cloud of Witnesses: Stories from Saints-in-Progress

Wednesday Night Menus

September 12

Grilled Chicken Breast
 w/ Lemon Beurre Blanc
 Buttered Noodles
 Zucchini & Yellow Squash
 Vegetable Salad
 Dessert

September 19

Vegetable Lasagna
 Steamed Broccoli
 Italian Vegetable Salad
 Fruit Salad
 French Bread
 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.

This Week's Deacons

Friday, 7:00 p.m.

Jeff Grey, Becky Smith (Captain)

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Tony Dougherty (Greeter), Vicki Runnion,
 Gene Streible (Captain), Tyler Swim

Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Libby Cunningham, Michael DeWhatley (Captain),
 Allison French (Greeter), Bill Martin

Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

Jeff Grey, John Foster (Greeter),
 Sharon Sanders, Kim Shippey (Captain)

Cream of the Crop Trip This Thursday

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 this 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 today, September 11.



Annual Senior Adult Retreat, Registration Deadline September 15

The Senior Adult Ministry Group would like to invite Highland's older adults (retirement age and greater) to our 6th 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 to reserve your spot and turn in your registration fee.

For the Living of These Days (continued from page 1)

Courage is not merely a product of gritting our teeth and acting like we're not scared. Courage is not just a public show of bravery. Courage is not about foolishness for its own sake... it's about the Christ-crucified kind of foolishness. True courage comes only once we are saved from our own selfish attempts at greatness. True courage is *received* when we see the outcome as dependent not upon our own singular efforts but upon a divine source larger than we are. True courage is what we embrace when we realize that God's larger project invites our own participation *here and now*.

How will God call forth courage in you this year? What acts of love and mercy will be birthed when we choose courage? How will Highland grow deeper in faith, in love, in humility, in calling because (*not in spite*) of the interim? Courage! Take heart! The journey has already begun! ~ Carol Harston



Darrell Adams stopped by to share a couple of wonderful solos and sit in with the Friday Church Band. When the conversations of fellowship are expressed in music, we find a deeper level of sharing that takes us all a little closer to God.

I'm so appreciative of the members of the Louisville community who join us each week to make wonderful heartfelt music. It's an unconditional gift to everyone in the sanctuary! And it's a joy to notice that the singing doesn't stop at the band. We will often have the players stop for a verse so that everyone can hear our voices combine, congregation and ensemble, raising that joyous noise that binds us to each other, to the heritage of our faith, and to the eternal love of God, smiling. ~ Fred Bogert



The World's Largest Potluck This Sunday

The Mission and Justice Ministry Group invites you to attend the Global Human Project's "World Largest Potluck" dinner this 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.



Missions Corner

Volunteers Needed for Habitat's Portland Neighborhood Initiative

Habitat for Humanity is sponsoring a "Love Your Neighborhood" (LYN) event Saturday, September 22. This Portland LYN initiative focuses on community development and repair through partnerships with homeowners and community stakeholders.

Highland's Habitat for Humanity and other Housing Solutions Mission Team is soliciting your help to beautify the Boone Square Park which is an Olmstead park. This historic park was opened to the public on July 1, 1891 and is in the middle of the Portland neighborhood. We want 30 or more volunteers from Highland to participate! Sarah Wolff with the Olmstead Conservancy will be helping. Scope of work includes: weeding and removing landscaping; edging walkways; mulching and painting playgrounds; painting picnic shelter; painting bleachers, backboards, and goals at basketball court. All equipment and supplies will be provided. If there are plenty of volunteers and/or the work goes quickly, there is a vacant lot across the street that needs lots of brush removal and weeding.

The event is open to all age groups. Families can participate in activities such as flower pot painting, mulching, playground clean-up, repair and painting. The decorating and planting of the flower pots that are given to the neighbors to put on their porch is a vital part of showing love to the neighborhood. Children under the age of 18 must have a parent or guardian with them.

We are also excited about sponsoring a **Home Repair** in the Portland neighborhood! We need 10-15 adult volunteers to work on this part on the LYN event.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. at Duncan and 19th Street. Work will start around 9:30, break for lunch, then finish by 3:00-3:30 p.m. A wonderful lunch for the volunteers and neighbors will be provided by HFH.

Sign-ups and more information will be available in the Commons this Sunday, September 16, or you can text Jim McBee.

CBF Fellowship Magazine

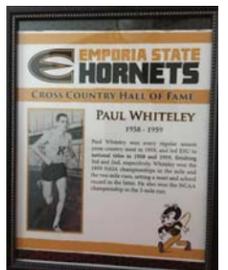
Every other month, the CBF publishes a magazine to keep all churches in the fellowship up-to-date on our mission work, church celebrations, as well as featuring special celebrations and anniversary, etc. There are copies of this publication available to you on the book shelf at the bottom of the church's center stairwell. Please feel free to take a copy. If you prefer online reading, use this link to read the latest issue or to subscribe to have the magazine delivered to your inbox:

<https://cbf.net/fellowship-magazine>.

Around Highland...

... Longtime Highland member Paul Whiteley was recently inducted into Emporia State University's Cross Country Hall of Fame (pictured right). Congratulations Paul!

... The Highland Book Club will meet on Sunday, September 30, at 6:00 p.m., in room 103, to discuss The Excellent Lombards by Jane Hamilton. Everyone is invited!



Weekly Financial Report September 2, 2018 (35 weeks)

	Weekly Requirement	Receipts This Week	YTD Requirements	YTD Receipts	YTD Over/Under
Contributions	\$21,846.91	\$13,661.85	\$696,915.62	\$652,748.14	(\$44,167.48)
Other Income	\$1,103.37	\$698.45	\$38,617.71	\$38,449.19	(\$168.52)
Total	\$22,950.28	\$14,360.30	\$735,533.33	\$691,197.33	(\$44,336.00)



2015 Building Renovation Project

Contributed this week	\$302.00	Loan Balance	\$26,454.00
-----------------------	----------	--------------	-------------