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Nathan Marrs Ordination Subject of Called Meeting This Wednesday

Highland will be called into a meeting tomorrow, March 20, at 6:00 p.m., to consider the ordination to ministry of Nathan Marrs by Highland Baptist Church. An Ordination Council will present their recommendation, following the unanimous and strong affirmation of the Deacon Ordination Review Committee.

Nathan is a graduate of Baptist Seminary of Kentucky and serves as a chaplain at Christian Care Communities. Nathan is the teacher of the Transformers Bible study class and is currently serving as a Deacon at Highland.



Wednesday Night Classes for Adults 6:10-7:15 p.m. through March 27

Frank Tupper Teaches "Lenten Courage"

Dr. Frank Tupper returns to teaching this March in "Lenten Courage" in Fellowship Hall. Dr. Tupper invites you to take away all the predetermined answers and wonder again about what took place at the Passover, Gethsemane, and the Cross. What happens when Judas tries to force God's action? What do we make of the silence that Jesus faces as he prays in the garden? What does courage look like as Jesus hangs on the cross? Together we will wonder about God's will, human dynamics, and a faith journey that is more perilous than we can even fathom. Courage for the journey is possible when we explore the questions together.

Lenten Group for Parents with Young Children

With young children, it can be difficult to find any time to meet with peers to talk about life and faith. Parents with young children are invited to come together for a Lenten Companions small group. The discussion prompts that are in the weekly Lenten emails will serve as fodder for conversation. To participate, please contact Carol at Carol@HBCLouisville.org.

For the Living of These Days—A Word from Perry Dixon

Youth today are living to optimize their economic futures. The pipeline is this: middle school resume building to get into the right high school to build a resume to get into college to build a resume to get into a career. Culturally, helicopter parenting is standard: parents manage their children's schedules, course loads, free time, extra-curricular commitments, surveil their communications much like the NSA, and more. Just last week the logical extension of that helicopter parenting phenomenon hit the news with the college admissions scandal (helicopter parents with money will do anything to get their kids into school, as it turns out). Far more scandalous, I think, is the burden of debt on poor and middle-class education, systemic barriers to minorities, and the *legal* ways of paying your way past meritocracy. Consider for a moment how youth might experience these forces which exert such control over them.

Even so, we cannot wipe away the realities of life in America. I certainly do not mean to suggest we abandon the drive for individual excellence and a robust, rewarding life for our young people. What I do mean to suggest is that a life of faith should offer a counterbalance or strong corrective to the alternative of unfettered cultural forces which diminish us.

During Lent, we are reminded of our mortality. But, we are not reminded for the sake of morbid self-reflection. We need companions along this Lenten journey who remind us of what we find in 2 Corinthians 4:16-18: *"So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal."*

There is something eternal within us, the essence of our being, value, and human personhood which is from God. What is eternal within us can neither be added to or taken from by our achievements or failures, nor our economic worth or lack thereof. Our bodies are imperfect and age—change swirls around us, sometimes quickly and sometimes slowly. But, in our youth community, we hold on to one another and share reminders of what is eternal within us every time we gather.

Lenten companionship is about sharing life with one another fully. In doing so, our faith in God will lead to hope beyond our present circumstances and hope for today. And that is good.

Looking Forward to Seeing You!

Dear Church, I write with joy as I return to work. I will be in the office on Wednesdays and Thursdays the next two weeks. Further, I am available on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday afternoons for a coffee shop appointment or walk around the neighborhood. Please let me know if you'd like to reconnect in person so we can set up a time. Otherwise, I look forward to seeing you this Sunday and beyond. If you are new to Highland since I have been away, I look forward to meeting you!

I will return to my normal schedule, Sunday-Thursday in the office and Fridays as my day off, the week of April 7.

Several of you have asked about what is most helpful in terms of how to greet me—with a hug, of course! Or with a handshake and a smile. Or with any type of greeting that is characteristic for you. There are no right-or-wrongs here. In terms of what to say, I find casual welcomes most helpful. And if you'd like to ask how I am doing, by all means, please feel free.

There are others of you who have asked about the nature of eating disorders and what types exist. The National Eating Disorders Association (NEDA) is a most helpful resource: www.nationaleatingdisorders.org. Know I am open to discussing this and will leave it up to you if more information might be meaningful. Most importantly, I return to you healthily in recovery, strong, and energized.

I realize that my time away was longer than any of us had originally anticipated. Your continued, caring presence to my family and me during the last several months has proven profound and incredibly generous. Thank you—a hundred times over, thank you!

Finally, what do I anticipate most as I step back into the life of Highland Baptist Church? All the goodness! I cannot wait to see what ministries continue, those that have evolved, and all that is rightly flourishing. They are the ministries that so many of us have been fortunate enough both to receive and to offer; what a tremendous gift to be back at work, serving alongside you! Thanks be to God for each of you and our collective, compassionate, courageous whole. Love, ~ Lauren Jones Mayfield

**Weekend Services
Third Sunday in Lent**

Luke 13:1-9
Jim England, Proclaimer
Congregational Anthem:
The Tree of Life
Children's Handbell Choir
and Chorister Choir Ensemble



**Highlights Classes
Continue This Sunday**

New visitors and prospective members are encouraged to join us on four Sundays for our Highlights Classes! We will gather during the 9:30 Bible study hour on March 17, 24, 31, and April 14, 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 deb@hbclouisville.org.

Called Meeting on March 27 to Discuss Increase of Number of Deacons to Thirty for Upcoming Year

Highland's deacon body agreed last night to increase the number of deacons from twenty-seven to thirty in the upcoming year. The decision reflects a desire for the deacons to grow in their pastoral care for the congregation and to ensure coverage for all worship services. Each deacon class will go from nine deacons to ten. In order to accommodate for this first year of the change, the deacon nominating committee will identify ten people to serve the three-year term, one to serve a two-year term, and one to serve a one-year term. The congregation will vote on this recommendation at a called business meeting next Wednesday, March 27.

**Highland's Word
To Our Community**

... on NPR: *... proclaiming the power of Love in a world of violence and hatred.*
... on our marquee:



Cream of the Crop Trip March 30

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 Saturday, March 30, as we gather for a noon lunch at Claudia Sanders Restaurant. We will leave from the church's back parking lot at 11:15 a.m. RSVP to Gloria McBee by next Wednesday, March 27, if you plan to attend. When making your reservation, please be sure to indicate if you plan to meet us at the restaurant.

A Note of Thanks

Dear Highland Baptist, I cannot thank you enough for all the ways you have supported me and Phoebe's family in these last two and a half weeks since Phoebe's death. I am aware of being held up by your prayers; and your gifts of cards, phone calls, texts, food, tears, and hugs have meant so much. Phoebe's family members are profoundly touched by your love for her. Phoebe fell in love with Highland the first time she visited on Palm Sunday 1999 and has loved and been sustained by you ever since. I know that I can count on you to give your love and support to me in these days to come. Love, ~ Nancy Goodhue



Highland's first Hobby Group met on Sunday night, March 17! The Pokémon Hobby Group enjoyed their time so much that they're already planning their next time to meet. To get information about the next time they gather, email Carol Harston.

Donations Needed for Annual Yard Sale

Bring us your good, bad and ugly. The Jean Janes Mission Group will be collecting items for their 41st annual yard sale beginning April 22.



The sale will be held on Saturday, May 18, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Please Note: Items in the lost and found cabinet and dishes that have been left in the kitchen will be donated to the yard sale if not picked up by May 15.

Important Dates to Remember

April 14	Easter Festival
May 19	Children's Spring Music Program + Popsicles on the Playground
June 24-27	PASSPORTkids!
July 19-21	Vacation Bible School Camp

Children's Corner

Mark Your Calendar!

This Wednesday, March 13

Youth Gathering, 6:00-7:15 p.m., Youth Suite

This Sunday, March 17

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

Youth Corner

Theology on Tap April 4

We will meet at Baxter 942 on Thursday, April 4, at 6:00 p.m. The discussion starts at 6:30. This month's topic is "Visions for Young Adult Ministry."

Young Adult Corner

Save the Date: Young Adult Picnic April 27

We're planning on having a potluck community picnic for Highland Baptist Church Young Adults on Saturday, April 27, at 2:00 p.m. The Young Adult Ministry Group will be bringing barbecue from Mark's and everyone is encouraged to bring a side/drink/dessert. Stay tuned to the Facebook group for more information!

Soup for La Casita March 26

Each fourth Tuesday of the month, Highland Baptist Church's Immigration Ministry Team takes two 8-quart pots of delicious soup to the La Casita Center at 223 E. Magnolia in Louisville. For many immigrant families served by La Casita, it is the only meal they will have that day. The March soup is provided by the following Highland Baptist Church Bible study groups and families: Jane Parker and family—chicken soup with vegetables (meat); and the Transformers Bible Study Class—hearty lentil soup (vegetarian).

To ensure this ministry continues, the Immigration team needs help and we are asking for families, Bible study classes, and other groups at Highland to volunteer for at least one pot of soup in 2019. We provide one pot of vegetarian soup and one pot of soup with meat. It is a way for each of us to help Christ's work in the world.

To participate, please contact Jane Parker or Michael French. The Immigration Ministry Team will provide the pots and will deliver the soup to La Casita. We even have recipes to help plan your 8-quart pot!

Missions Corner

Please Join Us for the Fifth Friday Fellowship



Friday Church Corner

Dinner will begin around 6:30 p.m. on March 29 (before Friday Church Service). There is something holy about breaking bread with others. Sharing a meal. It's connective.

Help Needed: If you would like to help with the Fifth Friday Fellowship Dinner, you may bring or drop off a salad, bread and/or a dessert. Anything would be appreciated. Please place in kitchen and label it for Friday Church. For questions, please contact Debbie Lemmon.

Please Note:

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

This Week at Highland

Tuesday, March 19

Hope for a Brighter Day (FH) 5:30 p.m.
 Congregational Engagement MG
 (Youth Suite) 6:30 p.m.
 Alcoholics Anonymous (FH) 10 p.m.

Wednesday, March 20

Fellowship Supper (FH) 5:20-6 p.m.
 Called Business Meeting (FH) 6 p.m.
 Children's Activities 6-7:15 p.m.
 Youth Group (Youth Suite) 6-7:15 p.m.
 Adult Class—Lenten Courage (FH) 6:10-7:15 p.m.
 Adult Class—Lenten Group for Parents with
 Young Children 6:10-7:15 p.m.
 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Choir Room) 7:15-8:15 p.m.

Thursday, March 21

Senior Adult MG (103) 1 p.m.
 Environmental Action MT (103) 7 p.m.
 Prayer Shawl Group (Off-site) 7 p.m.
 Alcoholics Anonymous (Sanctuary) 7 p.m.

Friday, March 22

Men's Fellowship Gathering (FS) 8 a.m.
 Friday Church (Sanctuary) 7-7:45 p.m.
 Friday Church MG (Commons) 8 p.m.
 Narcotics Anonymous (FH) 8 p.m.

Sunday, March 24

Worship 8:30 a.m.
 Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
 Highlights Class (Commons) 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 11 a.m.
 Bible Study 11 a.m.
 Personnel MG (Pastor's Study) 12:15 p.m.

Monday, March 25

HBC Bookends (103) 2 p.m.
 Immigration MT (Commons) 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 26

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

Wednesday Night Menus

March 20

Meatloaf
 Garlic Mashed Potatoes
 Buttered Peas
 Vegetable Salad
 Strawberry Orange Salad
 Dessert

March 27

Chicken in Mushroom Sauce
 White Rice
 Green Beans/Sautéed Carrots
 Cobb 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.

Candy Donations Needed for Annual Easter Festival

Help us fill our Easter eggs and treat bags for the upcoming festival on Sunday, April 14. Donate individually wrapped candy in the bin located outside the Choir Room no later than Wednesday, April 10.



This Week's Deacons

Friday, 7:00 p.m.

Jeff Grey (C), John Pacyga

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Allison French (C), Michael French,
 Lewis Miller (G)

Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Steven Michael Carr, Libby Cunningham,
 Larry Davis (G), Bill Martin (C)

Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

Suzanne Busse (C), John Foster (G),
 Jeff Grey, Sharon Sanders

Highlights from the Habitat for Humanity House Build

Twenty volunteers from Highland Baptist Church worked to "Raise the Roof" on the 27th Baptist-sponsored Habitat for Humanity House last week. Your Thanksgiving Day breakfast offering helped us sponsor the home. The Emma Leachman Mission Group provided the lunch for all the workers on Saturday.



Upcoming Events at Highland

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| March 20 | Called Business Meeting |
| March 23 | Highlights Class |
| March 27 | Called Business Meeting |
| March 29 | Friday Church Fifth Friday Fellowship Supper |
| March 31 | Highlights Class |
| April 3 | No Evening Activities/Supper |
| April 7 | Congregational Conversation during the 9:30 and 11:00 Bible study hours |
| April 11 | Table Talk |
| April 14 | Palm Sunday; Highlights Class; Easter Festival |
| April 18 | Maundy Thursday Service |
| April 19 | Tenebrae Service |
| April 21 | Easter Sunday |
| April 22 | Donations being accepted for Annual Yard Sale |
| April 24 | Quarterly Church Conference |

Highlands Community Ministries

2019 Lenten Lunch Series

*Thursdays during Lent
by Highlands
Congregational Leaders*

*Soup Lunch at noon
Devotional at 12:30*

Journey from the Wilderness

March 21—Immanuel United Church of Christ, 2300 Taylorsville Rd.
 March 28—St. Paul United Methodist Church, 2000 Douglass Blvd.
 April 4—Strathmoor Presbyterian Church, 2201 Hawthorne Ave.
 April 11—Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church, 1722 Bardstown Rd.

For more information, visit www.hclouisville.org or call 451-3695.

Easter Lilies

This Easter we will once again adorn our sanctuary with beautiful Easter lilies. If you would like to purchase lilies, please fill out the form below and return it to the church office with \$15 no later than Sunday, April 14.

Name: _____

Amount: \$ _____

in memory/honor/appreciation of: (circle one)
