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A thinking, feeling, healing community of faith

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Highland Celebrates Baptist Seminary of Kentucky This Sunday

For one hundred years, Highland Baptist lived in faithful partnership with its local seminary, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, in ways that formed our congregation and supported the education of generations of students, professors, and administrators. The partnership with this seminary body just a mile down the road ended in 1993 and has spent the past twenty-five years redefining its independence from the institution it formerly loved and supported. As we celebrated our 125th anniversary this past year, Carol Harston reached out to the Baptist Seminary of Kentucky to consider a closer relationship with the seminary in order to renew this meaningful aspect of Highland's identity that has been slumbering since the split from SBTS. Dr. Dalen Jackson, Dr. Laura Levens, and Dr. Mark Medley visited with us on Wednesday nights in February to nurture and celebrate our mutual love for the Cloud of Witnesses in our Fellowship Hall windows.

This Sunday, we have another opportunity to get to know BSK by having its president, Dr. David Cassady, in our pulpit as our proclaimer in all three morning worship services. A graduate of Ouachita Baptist University, Baylor University, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Dr. Cassady has spent his career supporting Christian Education within the church through publishing, teaching, and serving the local church. We look forward to hearing from Dr. Cassady on Sunday as we seek the courage to flourish in this time and place!



Children's Spring Concert Service This Sunday, 6:00 p.m.

Please mark your calendars for this Sunday evening, May 19, for Highland's annual Children's Spring Concert Service. It will be a wonderful evening with our children, ages 3 through the 5th grade, singing the songs of faith, moving to the beat, and playing bells and other instruments.

Children's Choirs at Highland are the joyful discovery of God's transforming LOVE through music.



Tomorrow Evening: Cloud of Witnesses

Highland's sanctuary is filled with saints—the ones in the stained-glass windows who have completed the race and the ones in the pews who are still in process. When we assume saints to be perfect people, we miss the truth they have to share. Saints are the ones who wonder if God is up to something and step out in humility and boldness to share their glimpses of the divine. Story-telling by these "Saints-in-Process" makes God visible for the church. Join us tomorrow, May 15, 6:10-7:15 p.m., for another Cloud of Witness evening as Bob Cunningham facilitates a conversation with Ruby Burke, Hollan Holm, and Tom Ketterman, as they share their faith journey.



HIGHLAND BAPTIST MUSIC MINISTRY ORCHESTRA SPRING CONCERT
Next Wednesday, May 22 ■ 6:15 p.m.

All ages from preschoolers through adults are welcome to attend the concert. Childcare will be provided for infants and toddlers. Our regular Wednesday evening meal will be served 5:20-6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Contact the church office by 11:00 a.m. next Tuesday, May 21, for a dinner reservation.




Summer Sunday Schedule Begins June 2

Over the summer, life at Highland Baptist ebbs and flows as children and youth leave and return from camp, families travel, and we take a break from our Wednesday night dinner and programming. While we are not a school system, much of our church life follows after the school calendar. Summer is a time to breathe and recollect from a long and busy year filled with ministry and programming. Life together never ceases, but our patterns change temporarily.

This summer, we are trying something for the first time—we are going to have a Summer Sunday Schedule where we will have two morning worship services (9:30 and 11:00) and two Bible study hours (9:30 and 11:00). Those who are affected most by this temporary change are those who regularly attend our 8:30 worship service. We recognize that this will be an inconvenience for those 8:30 worshippers, but we appreciate your patience as we take this time to summer pause to renew our energy before beginning another school year.

A Summer Sunday Schedule is something that Highland's leaders have considered for many years. We feel that this year is the right time to try this summer change as our leadership has been stretched to capacity during this interim year. Ministry Council encouraged Highland's ministry staff to consider some tangible ways that Sunday morning leaders and volunteers might find some rest and refreshment during this interim time. Highland's ministry staff presented this possibility to Ministry Council in early May and they agreed and approved the proposal.

Take heart! This is a temporary change for twelve summer Sundays. We will return to our regular Sunday schedule on Sunday, August 25, for Promotion Sunday. We will begin this new schedule on June 2 as we kick off our Global Missions Month. We look forward to a summer of abundance as we continue to worship, study, live, and rest as God's people on the corner of Grinstead and Cherokee.

Weekend Services Fifth Sunday of Easter

John 13:31-35
Revelation 21:1-6

David Cassady, Proclaimer
President of Baptist Seminary of Kentucky

Choral Anthems:
Maya's Prayer for Peace
I Give You a New Commandment



Annual Jean Janes Yard Sale This Saturday

Bring us your good, bad and ugly. The Jean Janes Mission Group is collecting items for their 41st annual yard sale through tomorrow, May 15. Items can be placed in the wall storage room in Fellowship Hall.

This year's sale will be held this 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 tomorrow.



Church Gathers for Annual Picnic May 29

We celebrate the beginning of summer with our annual Church Picnic on Wednesday, May 29, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Willow Park at the intersection of Willow Avenue, Cherokee Road, and Cherokee Parkway. Cost is the same as Wednesday night meals: \$7 for adults, \$3.50 for kids ages 4-12, and \$21 max per household. You may make your reservation on Wednesday nights, on Sunday mornings in the Commons, or online at <https://hbclouisville.org/2019/05/07/church-picnic/>. Volunteers are needed to help transport supplies from church to the park, set-up, serve food, cleanup, and return supplies to church. Please contact Carol Harston if you are able to help!

Highland's Word To Our Community

... on NPR: ... offering a unique 45 minute worship service on Fridays at 7:00 p.m. for people in all walks of life.

... on our marquee:



Gardening Group Meeting and Potluck Tonight

All gardening enthusiasts are invited to the next meeting of the Highland Baptist Church Gardening Group. We will meet tonight, May 14, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the home of Tom Ketterman. After a tour of the garden, we will have a potluck dinner and a discussion about shade gardening. Please contact Tom with any questions.

Cream of the Crop Gathering Next Tuesday

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 for a noon potluck lunch at the home of Gloria and Jim McBee (5409 Random Way) next Tuesday, May 21. RSVP to Gloria McBee by Sunday, May 19, if you plan to attend.

Celebrate Pride with Highland This June

In celebration of Highland's LGBTQ members across the life span and alongside the broader LGBTQ community, we invite you to join us for the Kentuckiana Pride Festival this June. On Friday, June 14, we will walk together in the Pride parade. Everyone, including families, are invited to walk with us! We will have a booth at the Pride Festival throughout the weekend, June 14 and 15, and will have Highland members joyfully making custom Pride buttons with festival attendees as we spread Highland's voice of inclusion and affirmation. On Sunday, June 16, we will celebrate Pride Sunday in worship, with Rev. Bojangles Blanchard preaching the Gospel and LGBTQ affirmation woven throughout our liturgy. We look forward to a wonderful Pride month this year and hope you will celebrate with us!



Children's Worship Anticipates Summer Pause

Children's Worship programming for children in K-2 grades during 11:00 worship service will take a pause for the summer months, as we have in past summers. This Sunday, May 19, will be our final gathering for this school year. Children's Worship will return for the 2019-20 school year on Promotion Sunday, August 25.

Children's Corner

Important Dates to Remember

May 15	3 rd PASSPORTkids! Camp Payment Due + 3 rd VBS Camp Payment Due
May 19	Children's Spring Music Program + Popsicles on the Playground; Children's Worship Summer Pause Begins
June 24-27	PASSPORTkids!
July 19-21	Vacation Bible School Camp
August 25	Promotion Sunday

Youth Ministry Banquet Sunday, June 2

On Sunday, June 2, youth and their families are invited to the annual Youth Ministry Banquet after 11:00 a.m. worship. As we eat together, we will celebrate graduating seniors, community members moving to new places, all of our amazing volunteers, and each of our youth as we look back on a wonderful year together!

Youth Corner

Environmental Action Team

The Environmental Action Ministry Team invites you to join the "House of Worship Solar Tour." On Tuesday, May 28, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Kentucky Interfaith Power and Light, Inc. will show tourists the places of worship here in Louisville that have installed solar panels. More information is available at <https://tinyurl.com/y638oda9>.



Missions Corner

Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Justice and Our Immigration Team

The Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Justice and our Immigration Ministry Team invite you to get informed about a new border militia currently active in New Mexico. United Constitutionalists Patriots leader denied bail and group has been told to disperse but plans on reforming. This group detained a group of 200 migrants at gun point in mid/late April 20. It is important to point out how border militias recruit people from around the country and are often initiated by people in other white supremacist strongholds. White supremacists use the border as an opportunity to create media spectacle in order to gain funds, attention, recruitment... and then train people up that are then sent back to their home communities to spread the anti-immigrant, white supremacist, pro militia message, and share in the training and tactics. View the [The New York Times](https://www.nytimes.com/2019/04/18/us/new-mexico-militia.html?fbclid=IwAR2twu7rtSOIKz0bCnuyiSStfiS1BGAluQbRcB2bDU3IT5s-wlgvV9J_2Mw) article for more background at https://www.nytimes.com/2019/04/18/us/new-mexico-militia.html?fbclid=IwAR2twu7rtSOIKz0bCnuyiSStfiS1BGAluQbRcB2bDU3IT5s-wlgvV9J_2Mw.



June is Offering for Global Mission Month

Our global mission emphasis will kick-off Sunday, June 2. We will welcome to the pulpit Rev. Scarlett Jasper, one of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship field personnel with whom we have been in relationship for several years.

The Global Partnerships Ministry Team's goal for the offering is \$12,000! Offering funds can be given throughout the year, and the money directly supports CBF field personnel. So, give big and generously. Special offering envelopes will be 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 Ministry Team looks forward to celebrating the work of the global Church with you next month.

Please Note:

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



This Week at Highland

Tuesday, May 14

Hope for a Brighter Day (FH) 5:30 p.m.
 Gardening Group (Off-site) 6-8 p.m.
 Alcoholics Anonymous (FH) 10 p.m.

Wednesday, May 15

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—Cloud of Witnesses: Stories from Saints-in-Process (FH) 6:10-7:15 p.m.
 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Choir Room) 7:15-8:15 p.m.

Thursday, May 16

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

Friday, May 17

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

Saturday, May 18

Chorister Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary) 9-11 a.m.
 Annual Jean Janes Yard Sale (FH) 9 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
 Children's Handbell rehearsal (Sanctuary) 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Sunday, May 19

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.
 Orchestra rehearsal (Sanctuary) 12:30 p.m.
 Children's Handbell rehearsal (Sanctuary) 4-4:30 p.m.
 Families with Children MG (103) 4:30 p.m.
 Chorister Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary) 4:30-6 p.m.
 Children's Choirs Spring Concert (Sanctuary) 6 p.m.

Monday, May 20

Youth MG (Youth Suite) 6 p.m.
 Deacons (Commons) 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 21

Primary Elections (FH) 6 a.m.-6 p.m.
 Cream of the Crop Potluck Lunch (Off-site) 12 p.m.
 Hope for a Brighter Day (Commons) 5:30 p.m.
 Orchestra dress rehearsal (Sanctuary) 6:30 p.m.
 Congregational Engagement MG (Youth Suite) 6:30 p.m.
 Alcoholics Anonymous (FH) 10 p.m.

Wednesday Night Menus

May 15

Pork Tenderloin
 with Mustard Sauce
 Scalloped Potatoes
 Vegetable Medley
 Apple Spinach Salad
 Rolls
 Dessert

May 22

Meat Lasagna
 Broccoli
 Caesar Salad
 Vegetable Salad
 Garlic 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 (C), John Pacyga

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Doris Hornbuckle, Lewis Miller (G),
 Gene Streible

Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Michael DeWhatley (C)

Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

Guthrie Graves-Fitzsimmons (G),
 Doris Hornbuckle (C), Lewis Miller, Kim Shippey

Letters of Appreciation

To Highland Baptist Church,

I want to thank you for all your prayers, cards and emails for my recent surgery. I am on the mend. Thank you for the prayers for my brother, Joe Jurgevich. He continues to fight the cancer battle. I am so happy to attend Highland. It is such a caring church. ~ Nancy Jurgevich

At graduation this past weekend at Duke Divinity, I gave thanks for *you*—the cloud of witnesses that has surrounded me as I have run this race of the Doctor of Ministry degree. It was a joy to share with you my research on Wednesday nights recently. Printed copies of my thesis and audio recordings of my Wednesday night presentations are available if you call the church office or email me. With this milestone behind me, I return whole-hearted into our work, as together we boldly live out the worship that is our very lives. ~ Carol Harston



Upcoming Events at Highland

May 14	Gardening Group
May 15	Cloud of Witnesses: Stories from Saints-in-Process
May 18	Annual Jean Janes Yard Sale
May 19	Children's Choir Spring Service and Popsicles on the Playground
May 21	Cream of the Crop Potluck Lunch
May 22	Orchestra Spring Concert; Last Wednesday of regular programming until Fall
May 27	Church Offices Closed
May 29	Church Picnic at Willow Park
May 31	Friday Church 5 th Friday Fellowship Supper
June 2	Youth Ministry Banquet
June 13	Table Talk



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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.