



**HIGHLAND  
BAPTIST CHURCH**

*A thinking, feeling, healing  
community of faith*

**February 2, 2021**



## **Ash Wednesday 2021**

Ash Wednesday is a day when we remember together that some day, we are going to die. "Remember you are dust, and to dust you will return," we say to one another. On this day, we remember that death is a part of life.

Of course, especially after a year like this one, we don't need reminding of this news, do we? We know it all too well. This year on Ash Wednesday, we remember just how fragile and fleeting life is; we remember our humanity.

Our hope is that this year's Ash Wednesday will be especially meaningful, because it will be the first time that Highland's sanctuary has been open to the church since Covid began. From 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., you are welcome to come to the sanctuary to receive the imposition of ashes from a minister. There will be live music from various Highland staff and musicians continuously throughout the day, and you are welcome to sit and reflect in the sanctuary (as long as numbers safely allow).

We will have multiple safety measures in place to protect you and our ministers. Deacons



will receive you at the front door of the sanctuary. You will receive a temperature check before you enter, and masks and social distancing will be required. A minister, who will be wearing a mask and a face shield, will mark your forehead, your hand, or they can offer a blessing with no physical contact at all. They will sanitize their hands between every imposition of ashes.

May this Ash Wednesday remind us that we are also marked by something that is so much greater than death – and that is the love of Christ. The ashes we impose on one another form the shape of a cross. The grit and grime that remind us of our own mortality are formed into the shape of that which sets us free.

Join us on February 17, anytime between 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

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## **Chapel at Baptist Seminary of Kentucky**

Mary Alice will be the guest preacher in chapel at Baptist Seminary of Kentucky on Wednesday, February 3, at 10:00 a.m., and you are welcome to attend via Zoom! This will be a special chapel celebrating women in ministry. Chapel services normally last 35-45 minutes. BSK chapels are open to students, alumni, staff, and anyone from our wider community.

[Click here for the Zoom Link](#)

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## ***Blessings for a New Year Continue This Week***

This week's *Blessings for a New Year* include the following blessings to be shared Monday through Friday. These are all blessings that speak to grief. Always check your junk mail in case they are hiding from you there.

Larry Gray: On the anniversary of a loss

Bob Cunningham: For those navigating the journey of grief

Cheryl Davis: For those who have lost loved ones during the pandemic

Miriam Elliott: Living without Bob

Janet Tharpe: For those whose pet has died

Libby Cunningham: For those with regret

Michelle Tupper Butler: For those seeking presence in absence

Elizabeth Howell: For those with anticipatory grief

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## Weekend Services

### Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Psalms 147:1-11  
Isaiah 40:21-31  
Mark 1:29-39

Mary Alice Birdwhistell, Proclaimer

## Highland's Word to Our Community

...on our marquee:



## Staying Connected Outside These Walls

As we live through these days where we are rarely, if ever, physically connected with each other we make use of technology to bridge some of the gaps that exist between us. Below are some of the ways that you may use to stay connected to the community of Highland Baptist Church:

**Worship from the sanctuary on our Facebook page** at 7:00 p.m. on Friday nights and 10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings. These streams also appear on our YouTube page.

**Bible study via Zoom.** Several adult Bible study classes are gathering weekly via Zoom which allows connectivity via computer or phone. If your Bible study class would like to begin meeting this way, email Carol at [carol@hbclouisville.org](mailto:carol@hbclouisville.org) or Walter at [walter@hbclouisville.org](mailto:walter@hbclouisville.org).

## Mission Corner

### A Birthday Challenge from Morocco

Many folks in Morocco (among many other countries) from my generation and older don't know their birthdays. Births tended to be registered with authorities sometime after the actual day, even years later, and if that was the case, the date of January 1 of the birth year was often recorded as the legal date of birth. So, a whole lot of people in Morocco (and on the African continent) celebrate January birthdays.

As it happens, I am one of those folks, and privileged to know my birthday (January 25). I say this NOT because I want to get birthday greetings from you, though I truly covet your prayers. I am telling you because I am issuing a birthday challenge to you – and one I hope you will consider taking up on your birthday this year. Here it is: Any money you give to ministry in Morocco from now until the end of January, I will match up to the first \$3,000. (I will match it in dirhams: up to 26,700 dh.) This is also a tradition in Morocco – to show your gratitude when something good happens to you through



Pedro in Rabat

generosity to others. And a birthday during the year of COVID is something to be grateful for. Here are three needs I'd like to share:

1. Refugee and Migrant ministry, emergency aid money – blankets and medicine are in overwhelming demand;
2. I Love Morocco offering for pastor's salaries – we can't do the migrant ministry if we don't have human resources for coordinating aid;
3. School funds for an 11<sup>th</sup> grader in a French-language school in Rabat whose single mother has lost her income since March. All of you who were on the 2016 trip met this incredible kid named Pedro in Rabat – he's smart, funny (sassy even) and devoted to Christ. His school fees are \$250/month (10 months per year) and he has 2.5 years left. (The French system adds Terminal after 12<sup>th</sup> grade for exam preparation.)

We will be deeply grateful for any gift you are willing to give, and if you act quickly, your gift will be doubled! You can make a donation by sending a check to CBF Kentucky, P. O. Box 7098, Louisville, KY 40257, or by clicking [here](#).

**EMPOWER**  
WEST LOUISVILLE  
**CITY-WIDE BOOK CLUB**  
PRESENTED BY SIMMONS COLLEGE OF KENTUCKY

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2021**  
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM EST

Join us for a panel discussion on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s book:  
"Where Do We Go From Here - Chaos or Community?"

**DR. GERALD SMITH**  
Professor of History, African American & African Studies  
University of Kentucky

**REV. ERICA WHITAKER**  
Senior Pastor  
Sunset Park Baptist Church

**DR. LEWIS BROGDON**  
Professor and Fellow  
Simmons College of KY & Baptist Ministry of KY

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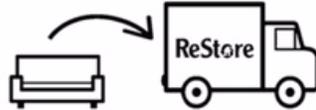
# ReStore

## Your Donation Builds Homes

At the Habitat ReStore, our inventory comes from generous individuals like you. Proceeds from the ReStore help Habitat build more safe, affordable homes in partnership with local families.

### Donating your gently used items is easy!

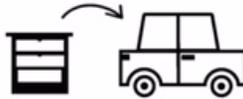
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Schedule online at [louisvillehabitat.org/restore](http://louisvillehabitat.org/restore)  
or call **502.805.1416**

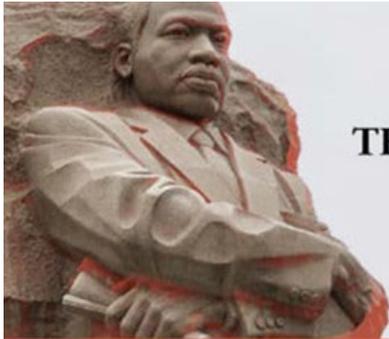
**DROP-OFF** is available for smaller items at our 2 Louisville ReStore locations – Hikes Point & Portland Neighborhood



**Tools • Doors • Lighting • And More!**

Follow the Louisville Habitat ReStore on [Instagram](#) or [Facebook](#),  
to see what's available in our stores!

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**JustFaith**  
MINISTRIES

**THE RADICAL MARTIN  
LUTHER KING JR.**

A SIX-WEEK COURSE PRESENTED  
IN COLLABORATION WITH:



**A Six-Week Lecture Series on Zoom with Q&A**

Wednesdays, February 3 - March 10, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Eastern Time  
Featuring Dr. Lewis Brodgon and Guest Speakers  
Fee: \$75.00 (plus the book *The Radical King* by Cornell West)

Was Martin Luther King, Jr. a radical? This course says yes and asks what that means for America. His legacy today, which portrays him as a tame figure attractive to white Americans, needs to be questioned. We will first re-examine the history of slavery and segregation in the United States. We will then re-educate ourselves about Dr. King's thought and the traditions on which his thought was built. These traditions include the prophetic tradition of Christian scripture, the social gospel tradition, the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi, the black church tradition, and black nationalist and other critiques of traditional black church theologies. Our study together will include special guest lecturers who will help students understand the depth of Dr. King's writings and speeches and how to apply them today. By the end of the course, you will have a new understanding for the complexity of King's thought and be able to use it to understand the challenges and promises of America today.

*Scholarships available. Contact the JustFaith Ministries office at 502-429-0865 ext. 6.*

Register for the class online: <http://ow.ly/wzDY50D5ei4>

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## La Casita Donations

La Casita is accepting drive-thru donations every Thursday from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The following things are always needed: diapers and baby wipes, toilet paper, adult diapers, adult Tylenol, winter clothing (long sleeves, pants, jacket, scarves, hats, gloves), dry black beans, canned vegetables (pop top Lids), spaghetti, jars of pasta sauce, Clorox wipes or disinfectant spray.



Please contact Crystal Bryson at [crystallacasita@gmail.com](mailto:crystallacasita@gmail.com) to schedule a donation drop-off time.

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