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The Weekly Newsletter of Highland Baptist Church April 13, 2021



We will have our **Quarterly Church Conference on Wednesday, April 14 at 7 PM** (Zoom link, agenda, and reports will be emailed tomorrow). This time will include an important update from our COVID Advisory Team on in-person worship as well as more information about security at Highland and 2021 missions giving. We will additionally vote on a new trustee (Stacey Huse) and new ministry group members. We hope you will join us as we gather virtually to do the work of the church.

Meetings with Mary Alice



Last week [in an interview with Baptist News Global](#) I shared that off the top of my head I thought I had probably had about 75 individual meetings with 150 different people at Highland as a way to begin to meet our church family face-to-face during the pandemic. After the interview, I was curious to see the actual count. I was surprised to discover that I have actually had over 100 face-to-face meetings with 225 people from Highland! And there are still more of you I want to meet! I'm going to take a short break from the online scheduling process to schedule meetings with some of our senior adults over the next few weeks, but I plan to open back up more meeting times later in May. Know what a gift this time has been to me during my first year as pastor to hear your stories, your questions, your challenges, and your God-sized dreams for our community of faith.

With gratitude and great hope,
Mary Alice



Weekend Services
Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-19
1 John 3:1-3
Luke 24:36b-48

Please Join Us For:
"FRIDAY CHURCH ON THE LAWN"
Every Friday at 7:00p
(Weather Permitting)



Friday Church on the Lawn

Join us weekly for Friday Church on the Lawn, every Friday at 7:00 PM, weather permitting. Please bring a lawn chair. Masks and social distancing required. Hope you can join us outside as we continue our Easter worship series, "Practice Resurrection."

Finance Update

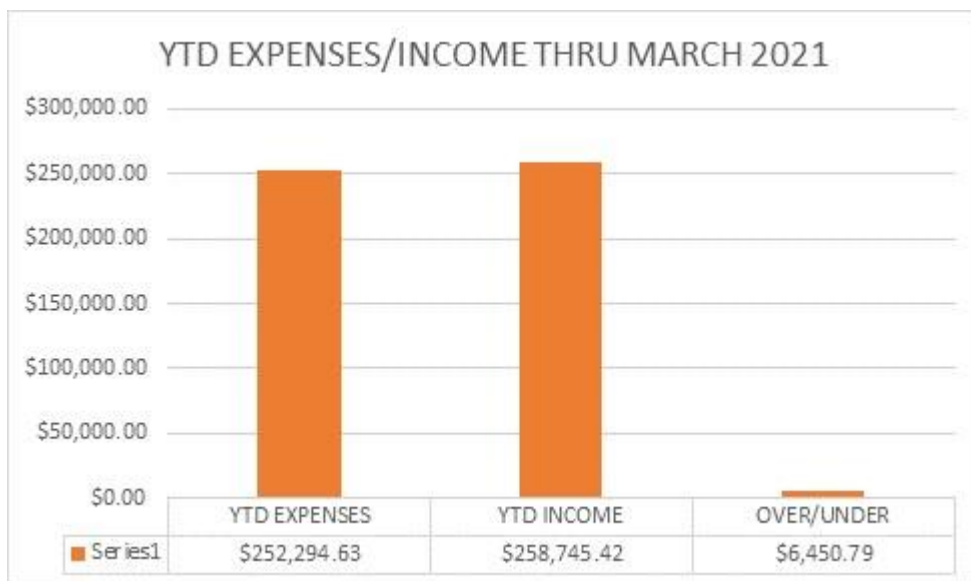
Highlights of Q1 Giving and Expenses

- Pledged Income received is at 104% of budget amount (this includes some pledges that were paid in full at start of the year)

- Non – Pledged Income is at 107% of budget amount
- Other Income is at 66.6% of budget amount (this includes things such as weddings and building rental)
- Total Income is at 104% of Budget Amount
- \$22,500 of income has been allocated to Missions

We give thanks for your continued financial giving during this unique time in our church. You have continued to rise to the occasion and your giving supports the work of HBC here and around the globe.

-Finance Ministry Group



Around Highland

Congratulations to Austin Echols for receiving the Graduate Dean’s Citation from the University of Louisville in recognition of superior accomplishment in his graduate studies beyond the achievement of a high-grade point average. Austin will receive a Master of Music from the University of Louisville in May and on Sunday conducted his graduate recital.

Lenten Small Groups Learn Resilience Together

Eight small groups gathered over Lent to wonder together about resilience: where we’ve seen it, when we’ve practiced it, and how we might grow in resilience in the future. Many thanks to our facilitators: Kathey Sanders, Larry Gray, Bob Cunningham, Guthrie Graves-Fitzsimmons, Buddy & Robin Lee, Sally Evans, Kim

Clark, and Marc Dowell. Here's a glimpse at the wisdom gathered from some of the groups.

Marc Dowell's Group: Our small group enjoyed a robust and lively exchange of stories and ideas... We all agreed the process of sharing experiences of resilience in our lives and of others was cathodic and beneficial, building each other's hope ...especially during the pandemic. Thoughts said to be helpful in building resilience:

- Levity...laughter when the times were rough. Some said the irreverence of laughing in the face of danger relieved their anxiety and stress. It seemed to point them to center, a balance in the midst of stress.
- Thinking outside the box... finding innovative ways to perform everyday tasks in the mist of restrictions. Example: The HBC Choir's gift of a virtual performance during the Advent Season.
- A framework of Living... structure that aids us, lending a small amount of control to a seemingly uncontrollable situation. A new, small sense of normality.
- Remembering there is always a dawn after a long night... Hope will always rise to the top...eventually.
- Using the time of isolation and a slower pace to reflect and rethink situations...talking and chatting with individuals that are positive, helping to bring about center when negative thinking has invaded your thoughts.
- Repeating mantras... posting them places that are visible: "You can do hard things" ... "Tough people last...tough times never do!"

All Things Mission

Volunteer Opportunity

UP for Women and Children is a partner organization with Phoenix Healthcare for the Homeless. They are currently looking for funders, volunteers, and even employees. They hope to expand their services and their space.

Volunteers assist with filing and pulling mail, assisting with supplies, organizing donations, signing in guests, and supporting case managers by helping with guest's individual needs. Our volunteers are the very heart of our operation and we continue to seek out dedicated, compassionate individuals to make our guests feel welcome. If you are interested in volunteering, email Katy@uplouisville.org or apply [here](#).

You may also contact Highland member, Terry Casey for more information at tjgc58@gmail.com or visit the website here, www.uplouisville.org.

CBF Annual Spring Gathering



CBF KY will gather on Zoom at 10 AM on Saturday April 24. We will hear reports on the work being done through CBFKY. We will present our 2021-22 Fiscal Budget for approval. In addition, we will vote on new members of our Coordinating Council.

Our business session will be followed by a conversation with Dr. Ken Jobst. He is an associate pastor at St. Stephen Baptist Church in Louisville. He will talk about what he has learned about race as a white minister in a predominantly black congregation.

Everyone is invited to participate. If you would like to attend, call the CBFKY office at 502-426-1931. On the day before the meeting, you will receive a Zoom invite to the session.



Louisville Homicides

Please join us in prayer and action as we remember those who have been killed this past week in our

city. We grieve with those who mourn, while we also maintain a hope that one day, all things will be made new.

- Malik Parker, age 17, killed March 20
 - Christopher Davis, age 38, killed March 31
 - Brandon Bell, age 27, killed March 31
 - Michael Bass, age 18, killed April 3
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