

# Weekly Newsletter of Highland Baptist Church



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*A thinking, feeling, healing community of faith*

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## Children Travel to VBS Camp This Weekend

This Friday, June 23, 38 children and 29 adult chaperones will travel to Vacation Bible School Camp at a nearby retreat center in Crestwood, Kentucky. Each year, our children go away for a 3-day, 2-night retreat, where we have all of the traditional elements of VBS—recreation, art, Bible story, mission and snack—while experiencing the gift of building relationships with other children and adults in our community of faith by living life together around the meal table, as we laugh and play at the pool and as we study together in a concentrated segment of time.



This type of community building experience is common for adults or youth at camps or retreats, and many of you have experienced the transformation that happens when you spend time with a group of people in shared experience. It is less common for the youngest ones in our midst to have this type of experience and so we carefully design VBS Camp to create space for deep friendships to blossom and for children to encounter God in many different ways.

As we engage our camp theme, *Hero Central: Discovering Our Strength in God* this weekend, we hope that you will join us in prayer. Pray that our children will experience God in a real and present way, not just through knowledge, but through deep awareness that God walks with them. Pray that our chaperones will experience God through leading and teaching children the stories of Jesus. Pray that our entire community of faith will be inspired by the words of scripture, “and a little child shall lead them,” and that we might be brave enough to follow when our children’s voices speak about our faith community’s call to engage God’s beautiful world.

## Operations Director Richard Hornbuckle Retires

Richard Hornbuckle is hard to miss. He stands taller than most people and objects in a room. And he makes no attempt to conceal his infectious, uninhibited laugh.

Richard has also been hard to miss around Highland as he has lovingly and wisely overseen our operations. He has attended to details large and small in order to make our building both beautiful and well-used.

Richard steps down from his role as Operations Director at the end of the month after serving in this role for over 10 years.

We will have a reception to honor Richard this Sunday, June 25, following 11:00 service in Fellowship Hall (assuming Richard gets volunteers to take down the Bible study classroom walls—one of his many jobs!).

Richard has worked with contractors during renovation, with vendors and technicians who address plumbing, electrical, HVAC, yard, roof, plaster (lots of plaster!), painting, insurance. It’s a long list of areas. Richard saved Highland untold amounts of money by working with contractors, doing some work on his own, or finding the best bidders to take a job.

In addition to doing tasks like changing our marquee, or painting a bathroom door, Richard is also the unofficial office comedian. We count on Richard’s wit to pull us out of our sometimes-too-serious modes. Richard’s warmth, humor, and love for Highland has made him the ideal person to serve in this role for a decade.

We give thanks for Richard’s years of service and are grateful that he will continue to stand out among us!



## Global Mission Offering

The Ministry Group offers an enthusiastic and hearty thanks to those of you who have contributed to the Global Mission Offering. Please keep your donations coming. The Global Missions Offering funds salaries for field worker missionaries around the world. Our goal this year is \$10,500, and we have already raised \$5,908.

For mission stories and to sign up for the CBF weekly “mission bite,” visit <http://www.cbf.net/subscribe/>. Consider this project described by an anonymous Field Personnel in the Middle East, about CBF bearing witness to Jesus Christ. Witness takes innovative forms to improve life for refugee in camps. The missionary writes: “Recently, the ladies in my ministry and I learned to crochet plastic mats from strips of used grocery bags. These bags are everywhere, caught in trees and fences. The mats are similar to rag rugs but made of plastic—they are lightweight and waterproof. For refugees living in a tent camp year round, the ground is cold in winter, and the air hot in summer. The mats allow circulation of air under and through for more comfortable sitting or sleeping. At first, the ladies were surprised at the idea but they soon caught on and used all the bags I had brought. They were quite taken with using something which costs them nothing to create a useful item for their tents.”

Further, you can gather prayer pamphlets, informational posters, and mission offering envelopes any Sunday in June at the Global Mission table in the Commons. You may use your regular offering envelope and specify “Global.”

## Congregational Input Needed for Wednesday Evening Meals

At the end of this school year, our beloved Kitchen Team retired from their many faithful years of cooking for our community. As a result, a task force has been formed to determine how we will ensure that Wednesday night table fellowship continues this fall. Our first step is to hear from you! Please join us in our work by taking this 4-minute survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/S9ZS9SL>.

## Highland’s Word To Our Community

... on NPR: *Blessed are the pure in heart*  
... on our marquee:



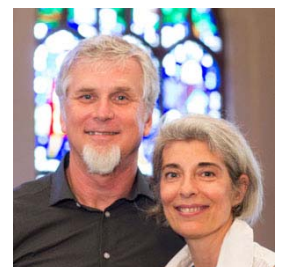
## Weekend Services Third Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 21:8-21  
Matthew 10:24-39

*The Threat of a Generous God*  
Joe Phelps, Proclaimer

Anthem:  
*Just As I Am*

Highland Welcomes



**John Fitzgerald & Elise Fazio**

## Thinking Together...

I write this in order to model, not to brag.

This week, our family made our sacrificial contribution to the Global Mission Offering that we’ve been hearing about this month as Highland gathers this annual offering to support Cooperative Baptist Fellowship field personnel around the world.

Giving lets Terri and me play a part in beautiful, life-changing, love-expanding work in some of the diciest corners of our universe. Our giving supports those called to embody love in these remote places.

Our gift is *in addition to*, not in place of, our ongoing offerings to Highland’s ministry budget. We don’t rob Peter to pay Paul.

Our gift could pay for a nice weekend away, or some new clothes. We spend money like this, too.

But, we prioritize giving to Global Missions—cheerfully, humbly (remember: in writing this I’m modeling, not bragging!), gratefully.

We don’t feel gyped by God for giving us resources, then calling on us to give them away. We realize this is how God and life work—those who have, give. Among the recurring themes of the Bible: We weren’t made to hoard.

I hope you’ll follow our model—not because we are doing it perfectly, but because in giving you will be blessed. You’ll feel connected and useful and a conduit of abundance for a world stuck in scarcity.

So, when you finish perusing this newsletter, talk with anyone you need to in your household and decide what your sacrificial gift to Global Missions should be. Every one can give something, even if it’s \$1.

If even half of Highland’s families give sacrificially, we will double or triple our \$10,500 goal. ~Joe

## Meditation Circle, Sundays in June and July

Did you know that neurobiologically, regular meditation reduces blood flow to our prefrontal cortex? To put it in normal words: when we meditate, we help our brain respond more positively to things like anxiety and sadness. So, join us for a summer meditation group!

Young adults, teenagers, and adults gather in the Commons on Sundays at 7:00 p.m. We begin with a 10-minute opening, then we meditate. Lauren Jones Mayfield offers some guidance, but it is largely a time for silence. Then we have a brief closing to conclude before 8:00 p.m.

If you have never meditated, are looking to renew your practice, or you do so for an hour every morning, all are welcome—including your friends. This is also a group designed to attend once-in-a-while or every week. If you have a zafu, cushion, or yoga mat please bring it with you. Chairs are available.



## Dick and Jane Stories Are Back!

(Remember your first-grade reader?)

Dick and Jane Allison will perform an original one act play, "Dick and Jane: The Tie That Binds" on Saturday, July 8, at 7:30 p.m., in Fellowship Hall. **You can boost HBC Global Mission Fund: \$10 ticket proceeds go to the fund!**

Dick and Jane Allison, recent new Highland members, have performed this one-hour play in southern Mississippi including the University of Mississippi, several Hattiesburg venues, and the Chattanooga, Tennessee Southeastern Regional Theatre Association.

The play recounts Dick and Jane's own life stories, funny stuff, sad stuff, ministry-related stuff and more! The play's writer, Chris Wooten, is also the narrator and plays Dick and Jane's son, Tim.

Tickets can be purchased at the play. Come enjoy the evening and support Global Missions.

## HBC Prayer Shaw Ministry

*God of the hungry*

*God of the sick*

*God of the prodigal*

*How does the creature say Care God of the ages*

*God near at hand*

*God of the loving heart*

*How does the creature say Joy?\**

So, who are those "creatures" who regularly gather around tables on the first and third Thursday nights of each month from 7:00 p.m. to closing time at the Mall of St. Matthews? One is a physician, one is a social worker, one is a fabric artisan, one teaches family life education in a high school, one is a child development education professor, one is a nurse, one is an elementary education teacher, and one is a human development educator/minister. They, along with a few others who occasionally join them, gather around tables to knit and crochet items that say Love, Care, Praise, Awe, Thanks, Peace, Life, Home.\*

The HBC Shawl Ministry began in June 2012. In the first five years, over 160 items have been prepared, blessed, and given to those who were suffering, caregiving, worrying, recovering, rejoicing, and marking important life celebrations. Many of those who "make knots in yarn" are retired, but not all. Some are able to come to the evening Mall gatherings regularly; others practice their skills at home and contribute their items. If you would like to join this ministry or donate fresh, useable yarn, please contact Becky Martin, Community Volunteer Coordinator, in the church office for more information.

\* Source: "God of the Sparrow," hymn text by Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1983.

## Theology on Tap

July 6 will continue our three-month series on relationships. Healthy sexuality and sexual practice are important components to our identity as children of God. We will consider how sex is depicted in culture (tv, film, music), our own lives, and biblically. Rebecca Street Smith and Laura Barclay will lead the discussion. Gather at 6:00 p.m., talk starts at 6:30 p.m.

*Young Adult  
Corner*

## Goodtime Gospel Hour Bible Study

Regular attenders and those who are curious take heed: We are going to do something a little different during our Bible study time on Sundays this summer: book club! These are three of my very favorite Bible study-ish books. Sex, liberation and evolution: three topics that are rarely discussed in most bible studies, but should be!

Here are the links to Amazon (they're all available for less than \$10) and the Sundays we'll be discussing the books. Lauren has copies available in her office for check-out.

- [Good Christian Sex by Bromleigh McClenehan](#), July 2
- [On the Side of the Poor: The Theology of Liberation by Gustavo Gutierrez](#), July 23 and August 6
- [The Evolution of God by Robert Wright](#), August 20 and 27

We won't be meeting the other Sundays this summer, so I hope you'll make an effort to come these Sundays and invite others who might be interested. ~ Guthrie Graves-Fitzsimmons

## YA KY Kingdom Extravaganza

On Friday, July 21, the Highland Young Adults will meet up for a day of coaster fun at Kentucky Kingdom. More details coming your way soon. Don't miss out!

## Thursday Adult Bible Study - Summer 2017

You are invited to join us on Thursday morning, June 22, at 11:30 for TABS (Thursday Adult Bible Study). The summer study is based on the theme "God the Worker" and John Hendrix will be our guide as we journey into the Scriptures, mind, heart, and imagination of God. The first session on June 22 will be about God the Shepherd. Bring a Bible and a friend; and if you are on your lunch hour, feel free to bring your lunch. Beverages will be available. TABS gathers in the Commons (across from the Sanctuary) from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All are welcome. For more information, call or text 502-797-9917.

*Adult Corner*

## Libation Theology July 13

Please join us on Thursday, July 13, at 6:30 p.m., as we share our faith and a meal together. All are invited to join us in the loft area at Molly Malone's in St. Matthews (the corner of Shelbyville Road and Breckinridge Lane), and feel free to bring a friend. No reservation is required. We will have a time of fellowship, libation and food, from 6:30 until 7:00, and our discussion will be from 7:00 until 8:00.

This month we will discuss when we should obey the government, and when we should not, obey based on what the Bible says? There will be a short introduction, and then questions for discussion. Come join in a lively conversation. For more information, contact Nina Maples, Lance Springs or Becki Streif.



Please join us on Friday, June 30, for our "Fifth Friday Fellowship"! We are going to have a barbecue on the front-lawn of the church! We will begin serving dinner at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be followed by music, fellowship, and an inspirational message. We do need some help with this event. If you are able to bring some chips or dessert, please contact Debbie Lemmon. Thank you!

*Friday  
Church  
Corner*

## This Week at Highland

### Tuesday, June 20

Hope for a Brighter Day (FS) ..... 5:30 p.m.  
 Anti-Racism Training (Youth Commons) ..... 7 p.m.  
 Alcoholics Anonymous (FH) ..... 10 p.m.

### Wednesday, June 21

No Regular Evening Activities/Supper  
 Post-Pride Pizza Party (Fellowship Hall) ..... 5 p.m.

### Thursday, June 22

TABS (Commons) ..... 11:30 a.m.  
 HBC Bookends (103) ..... 2 p.m.  
 Alcoholics Anonymous (FH) ..... 7 p.m.

### Friday, June 23

Men of Highland Gathering (FS) ..... 8 a.m.  
 Friday Church (Sanctuary) ..... 7-7:45 p.m.  
 Narcotics Anonymous (FH) ..... 8 p.m.

### Saturday, June 24

Annual Sewing Blitz (Fellowship Hall) ..... 8 a.m.

### Sunday, June 25

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.  
 Community Missions MG (103) ..... 12:30 p.m.  
 Global Missions MG (103) ..... 5:30 p.m.  
 Meditation Circle (Commons) ..... 7-8 p.m.

### Monday, June 26

Technology MG (103) ..... 7 p.m.

### Tuesday, June 27

Hope for a Brighter Day (FS) ..... 5:30 p.m.  
 Highlights Class (Off-site) ..... 7 p.m.  
 Alcoholics Anonymous (FH) ..... 10 p.m.

## Upcoming Events at Highland

- June 18-24 PASSPORT Youth Camp
- June 23-25 VBS Camp
- June 24 Annual Sewing Blitz
- June 27 Highlights Dessert
- June 30 Friday Church Fifth Friday Fellowship
- July 6 Theology on Tap
- July 8 MensWork Breakfast
- July 8-15 HS Youth Mission Trip
- July 9 Quarterly Church Conference; Congregational Conversation
- July 13 Cream of the Crop Trip Libation Theology

## Around Highland...

... Highland's Harol Omer will celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on Tuesday, June 27. Happy birthday, Homer!  
 ... The Highland Book Club will meet on Sunday, August 27, at 6:00 p.m., to discuss "Dracula" by Bram Stoker. Everyone is invited!



... Highland's Terry and Mary Rita McDevitt, Barbara Stallard, Nancy Goodhue, and Margaret Pennington (pictured above) attend the Moms Demand Action rally and march on Saturday, June 3.

Goal: \$1,800,000.00 Total pledged: \$1,609,551.00 Paid this week: \$118.00 Total paid to date: \$1,395,440.00	
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## This Week's Deacons

- Friday, 7:00 p.m.**  
 Kathy Belcher, Mike McFall (C)
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- Sunday, 8:30 a.m.**  
 Mark Golightly Sanders, Reece Little, Sharon Sanders (G), Gene Streible (C)
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- Sunday, 9:30 a.m.**  
 David Bannister (G), Bruce Carroll (C), Jim McBee
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- Sunday, 11:00 a.m.**  
 Kathy Belcher (C), Tony Carney, Dana Connor-Israel (G), Mary Cooksey



Highland's youth and chaperones at this year's PASSPORT Camp.

## Sewing Blitz, June 24, 8:00 a.m.-2 p.m., Fellowship Hall

The summer Sewing Blitz was conceived over ten years ago as a missions project that would include women who could not go to monthly meetings. Sponsored by WMU, now Global Women, the Sewing Blitz has produced children's dresses and shorts for South American sites and for a Moroccan church clothes closet; back packs for field trips at Touching Miami with Love; pencil cases for after-school and summer studies at Touching Miami; and drawing bags for personal hygiene items at Louisville's YMCA Safe place. This year on June 24, we will sew bags again. We can use helpers for cutting, pressing, folding and stringing cord as well as those who sew. Bring your own scissors, pins, and a sandwich if you plan to spend the day.



## Highlands Community Ministries (HCM)

Highland Baptist Church is collecting cans of tuna fish for HCM's food bank. Please leave donations in the wooden cabinet located outside of the Choir Room. Thank you!



## Extreme Build 2017

Steve Helm, Greg Bunten, and Aaron Watkins traveled to McCreary County, Kentucky—one of the 10 poorest in the United States to participate in CBF's Extreme Build. Under the leadership of CBF Kentucky and field Personnel Scarlett Jasper, this is the 12<sup>th</sup> house we have helped construct.



## Highlights from the Kentuckiana Pride Parade



## Weekly Financial Report June 11, 2017 (23 weeks)

	Weekly Requirement	Receipts This Week	YTD Requirements	YTD Receipts	YTD Over/Under
Contributions	\$20,716.06	\$17,534.00	\$492,780.26	\$446,172.20	(\$46,608.06)
Other Income	\$664.58	\$808.36	\$15,285.42	\$20,700.96	\$5,415.54
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21,380.64</b>	<b>\$18,342.36</b>	<b>\$508,065.68</b>	<b>\$466,873.16</b>	<b>(\$41,192.52)</b>