



Highland's Child Development Center

We welcome participation.

If you have a special interest/talent you would like to share with us or just want to volunteer in some small way please let us know.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

6:30 AM - 5:30 PM Monday - Friday

PRESCHOOL AGES 3-5

LINDA CONNER, *Director* 455-8642

Celebrating
47
YEARS

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August has brought lots of heart wrenching crisis' to our nation from Charlottesville to Houston and from Texas to Louisiana. In the midst of all these things be reminded from the psalmist "*Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever:*" Psalm 45:6 Jeremiah also was weeping over the troubles of his nation when he said, "*Thou, O Lord, remainest for ever; Thy throne from generation to generation.*" Lamentations 6:13 God is still on His throne and we can find peace even in the midst of storms as we remain in His presence.

I want to continually remind us of the **Mission**, **Vision** and the **Objectives** of our church so that we have more clarity in what we are doing as a church and why we are doing it. The **Mission** of our church is to glorify God through the inward edification and the outward multiplication of followers of Christ! Our **Mission** hinges on our fulfilling the two **Great Commandments**– **to Love God & Love Others**. Jesus said that all the law and prophets hang on these two commands. Our **Mission** has defined our **Vision which is to CONNECT** with God & Others, **GROW** in Quality & Quantity, **SERVE** in the Church, and **GO** Share Jesus. **Finally, we have developed 5 Objectives** to give us tangible ways to measure if we are fulfilling our **Vision** and the **Mission**. The **Objectives** are goals that we are seeking to fulfill over the next 5 years, ending in 2022! This month I want to focus on giving more detail about the second objective.

The Objectives are:

- 1. To see at least 17 individuals annually saved, baptized and set on the road to discipleship by 2022**
- 2. To see our Sunday morning attendance reach 300 by 2022** – Where are we currently at? The Morning Worship average was 150 last year, for the last 10 years the average was 154, so far this year the average is 197! Years ago the number one entry point to the church for guests was the Sunday School class. However, that reality has changed and now it is the worship service. The worship service is to be a special time for those who have gathered together to focus on the presence of and worship of our Creator, our Savior, and our Provider. If the **Mission** of the church hinges on our fulfilling the two **Great Commandments**– **to Love God & Love Others then we must seek to focus our worship more on God and others!** All too often the worship service in churches has become about what our preferences are and not about how we can make the worship experience at our church more focused on God and creating a meaningful worship experience for our guests. Reaching an attendance of 300 in the morning worship attendance will help us to impact more lives with the Gospel and to develop faithful committed followers of Jesus Christ. There are plenty of habits, we as Christians need to be practicing, such as prayer, reading and study of the Scriptures, singing, sharing the gospel, and helping and loving others. Sometimes we call these things spiritual disciplines; their purpose is for spiritual growth and they are to be done out of loving obedience. But is there one single habit that's the most important? David Mathis, executive editor for desiringGod.org and author of *Habits of Grace*, has written an article for desiringGod.org entitled Your Single Most Important Habit. Mathis states, "*While I cannot commend one keystone habit that will make the difference for every believer, I do want to speak up on behalf of one weekly habit that is utterly essential to any healthy, life-giving, joy-producing Christian walk: corporate worship. And it is all too often neglected, or taken very lightly, in our day of disembodiment and in our proclivity for being noncommittal. In fact, I do not think it is too strong to call corporate worship the single most important habit of the Christian life.*"

The reason this is true is because corporate worship is where we find encouragement in all the other spiritual habits vital to the Christian life. Believers are meant to be together, to learn together, worship together, to pray for each other, and encourage each other. Mathis goes on to say, “*The reason corporate worship may be the single most important Christian habit, and our greatest weapon in the fight for joy, is because like no other single habit, corporate worship combines all three essential principles of God’s ongoing supply of grace for the Christian life: hearing his voice (in his word), having his ear (in prayer), and belonging to his body (in the fellowship of the church).*” Not attending church can become a bad habit for Christians, and one that may not seem like a big deal. You may not feel like going that morning, you may be tired, and you may not feel like it’s necessary every week. But remember, “*God didn’t make us to live and worship as solitary individuals.*” So when believers neglect corporate worship, we are neglecting God’s design. If God’s Word expresses the importance of meeting together in worship, then we can guarantee it’s something He desires us to take part in. Mathis goes on to say, “*And just to be sure, the reason to make corporate worship a habit is not to check the box on perfect attendance, and not because corporate worship alone is enough to fully power the Christian life, and not because mere attendance in worship will save your soul. This is not a call for legalistic going-through-the-motions. The hope is not just to show up and be a shell. Rather, this is a summons to harness the power of habit to rescue our souls from empty excuses that keep us from spiritual riches and increasing joy. Negligence and chronic minimizing of the importance of corporate worship reveal something unhealthy and scary in our souls. Let’s resist it with fresh resolve.*” There is grace in spiritual habits, including corporate worship. Let me encourage you to invite others to every worship service, every Sunday.

- 3. To see our annual giving increase to at least \$400,000 by 2022
 - 4. To see at least 100 members discover and use their spiritual gifts to serve in the church by 2022
 - 5. To see at least 100 individuals trained and sharing the gospel locally and around the world by 2022
- Let’s press forward together!

September Birthdays

A very happy Birthday to all of our members with September Birthdays!
If you have a September Birthday but do not see your name, please call the church office to update our records.

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| Kandace Scoggins 9/1 | Ben Murray 9/15 |
| Melissa Martin 9/2 | Kim Saunders 9/15 |
| Brenda Griffin 9/3 | Kyle Snell 9/15 |
| David Inocencio 9/3 | Libby Brown 9/17 |
| Pat Gaddis 9/5 | Rick Miller 9/17 |
| John Stuart 9/6 | Johnny McBride 9/18 |
| Donna Jackson 9/9 | Marlene Parker 9/21 |
| Sue Stevenson 9/10 | Jacob Shelton 9/21 |
| Steve Stone 9/10 | Laura Miller 9/26 |
| Rema Bell 9/14 | Jeff Dodson 9/28 |
| Karen Purdom 9/14 | Bertie Davis 9/29 |
| Michael Henderson 9/15 | Wesley Porter 9/30 |

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| Deacon of the Week | |
| August 26– Sept. 1 | Ben Murray |
| September 2-8 | Jordan Monroe |
| September 9-15 | Steve Stone |
| September 16-22 | Tim Sanders |
| September 23-29 | Barry Sanders |

HBC Deacon Family Assignments
2016-2017

Group	Deacon
A– BRE	Bradley Rogers
BRI-DA	Marlon Bates
DE-G	Mike Stringfield
H-HIC	Roger Williams
HIL-LED	Tim Sanders
LEE-MON	Barry Sanders
MOO-PH	Ben Murray
Pi-SE	Rick Miller
SH-STO	Marc Lee
STR-WEB	Stan Smith
WEC-Z	Jordan Monroe
In Reserve	Steve Stone
Deacons	Johnny McBride

DRBA Annual Session Messengers

We will be electing Messengers for the DRBA Annual Session during our Quarterly Business Meeting on September 17.
Highland Baptist is allowed 12 Messengers for the annual session.
If you would like to be considered as a Messenger for the DRBA Annual Session, please contact the church office by noon on Friday, September 15th

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CHARLES CANNON, Custodian	
JIMMY GADDIS & ROGER WILLIAMS , Facilities Managers	

Nursery Director–

Kathy Hasty

If you are not able to serve on your assigned date, please call Kathy Hasty at 931-455-0977.

HBC Nursery Ministry

“No circumstance, person or difficulty can stop the plans and promises of God.”

Dr. David Jeremiah

Children’s Church Volunteers

Sept. 3 – Brenda Griffin, Jordan Monroe

Sept. 10– Tommy Griffin, Laura Miller

Sept. 17– Amanda Monroe, Ann Smith

Sept. 24– Ben Murray, Linda Smith

September Nursery Volunteers

- Sunday September 3
 - Sunday School: Donna Jackson
 - Morning Worship: Steve and Terri Stone, Amanda Monroe
 - Evening Worship: Belle Ruyten, Kathy Hasty
- Wednesday September 6: Marlene Parker, Jim Hicks
- Sunday September 10
 - Sunday School: Melissa Martin
 - Morning Worship: Elizabeth Whittemore, Erin Murray, Lauren Hasty
 - Evening Worship: Kathy Hasty, Rema Bell
- Wednesday September 13: Kim Dodson, Kathy Hasty
- Sunday September 17
 - Sunday School: Kim Dodson
 - Morning Worship: Jim Hicks, Mark and Linda Smith
 - Evening Worship: Brenda Griffin, Kathy Hasty
- Wednesday September 20: Reba Stringfield, Becky Moffat
- Sunday September 24
 - Sunday School: Lauren Hasty
 - Morning Worship: Tanya Porter, Laura Miller, Kathy Hasty
 - Evening Worship: Kim Whittemore, Kristy Gaddis
- Wednesday, September 27: Kim Dodson, Carrie Newton

Fall Women’s Bible Study

“All Things New”-
II Corinthians by Kelly Minter

Wednesday Mornings at 10:00 AM
And Wednesday Evenings at 6:15 PM

Books are \$13.00

Sign up on the bulletin board by
September 3rd

Operation Christmas Child

OCC will be collecting school supplies during the month of September. This is a list of items needed for the shoeboxes:

- *Crayons
- *Colored Pencils & pencil sharpeners
- *Note books
- *Markers
- *Pencils & Pencil sharpeners
- *Ink Pens

For more information, please see Terri Stone or Karen Purdom.

WMU:HIGHLAND ON MISSION

A BIG thanks for all the donations of Back to School supplies given to our six public school teachers!

The children in Wednesday Night Missions (under Terri Stone's leadership) made brightly decorated boxes for each teacher's requested supplies. Please continue to support ALL those in the field of education with your prayers.

The Week of Prayer for Tennessee State Missions is September 10-17. The 2017 Theme is "At all costs, OBEY!" based on James 1:22. Our goal for the Golden Offering is \$2,000. Prayer guides will be available for the week .Please prayerfully consider how YOU can reach, connect, and give through Tennessee State Missions.

With a grateful heart, Rema Bell



September 2017

Highlands Highlights

Greeters

September 3 Brian Tate, James Moyers

September 10 Steve and Terri Stone

September 17 Jimmy and Pat Gaddis

September 24 Johnny and Gayle McBride

Counters For September

Kathy Hasty
Donna Jackson

Church Wide Picnic

Monday, September 4

Please bring sides and desserts for the picnic. The church will be providing the meat, bread, and drinks.

Bible Study @The Village

Sunday Afternoons at Cedar Lane
Village Apartments

Bible study will continue as long as
the weather is good.

3:00– 4:00 PM

Please see Dana Berry for more information.

AWANA

Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed

Two more people are needed to help with
the Cubbies Group (3-5 years old).

For more information, please contact
Linda Smith at 931-273-9892

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 College and Career Trip to L.T.A. Depot	2
3	4 Labor Day Church Office Closed Church Wide Picnic	5	6	7	8	9
10 Deacon's Meeting 4:00 PM	11 Grief Share Ministry 6:30 PM	12 Prime Timers 12:30 PM	13	14	15	16
The Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions– September 10-17– HBC Goal \$2,000						
17 Quarterly Business Meeting 6:00 PM	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Lord's Supper	25	26	27	28	29	30



Sunday Schedule

Doc's Men's Group-8:00 AM

*Coffee before Sunday School, everyone welcome *

Bible Study – 9:15 AM

Morning Worship – 10:30 AM

*Children's Church is available during the Service for children
3 years old– 1st Grade*

Discipleship Classes – 5:00 PM

Youth Discipleship	Youth Department
Verse-by-Verse co-ed Bible Study	Room 202
Adult Discipleship Training	Conference Room

Children's Activities– 5:00– 6:00PM

Discipleship Training—Room 207

Evening Worship – 6:00 PM



Wednesday Night Schedule

Wednesday Night Supper 5:15 PM*

All Classes Meet at 6:15 PM

Mission Friends	Room 107
Children In Action	Children's Dept.
Youth Group	Youth Dept.
Sunday School on Wednesday	Room 104
Prayer Meeting/ Bible Study	Fellowship Hall

Adult Choir Practice 7:05 PM

***There is no charge for Wednesday Night Supper, but a
sign-up sheet is outside of the Fellowship Hall so we can
know how many to expect for supper***