

Highland's Child Development Center

Our annual Easter Eggtravaganza will be the highlight of this month. The Dazzling Dorrells will be back sharing the gospel in a brilliant visual way for parents, grandparents, and our preschoolers! We will also have an egg hunt and a few games. Lots of fun and faith headed our way as we explore Easter!

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

6:45 AM - 5:30 PM Monday - Friday

PRESCHOOL AGES 3-5

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Celebrating
53
YEARS

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As we enter this month-long emphasis on Praying for Your One, we're reminded that we can bless others when we share the Gospel! I also want to share with you that as Christians, we have been called to be salt and light in the world, which demands that we live a life of holiness that is different from the world. But what does different mean? The dictionary says "distinct, separate, not the same, out of the ordinary, unusual." Shouldn't Christians be different? Shouldn't we be distinct, separate, not the same, out of the ordinary, unusual like Jesus was? The Biblical word holy describes the contemporary word different. A holy person isn't an odd person but a different person. Peter wrote in 1 Peter 1:15-16, "15 but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, 16 since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."" It's not left to us to choose whether or not we live a holy life. Holiness is not an option. It's mandatory. All too often, we have a problem with being holy or different from Christ. We say, "Hold the phone, wait just a minute. This holiness thing is just a little bit too much for me." The problem is that we don't want to be different. Why is that? One, we value conformity. We don't want to stand out from the crowd. We wear the same style of clothes, talk the latest talk, and conform to the "in" things. We don't want to be perceived as being odd. We're terrified of being set apart. Secondly, we imagine an idea of what holiness is. We don't like the idea of holiness because we think it means to be "holier-than-thou." We don't like putting something on a pedestal as being better than the rest. And thirdly, we misunderstand what it means to be holy. Sometimes, living a life of holiness conjures up images of being a monk or priest. We think that holy people live in far-away monasteries, separating themselves from any kind of fun and trading in their nice cars, comfortable homes, and well-paying jobs for a monk's lifestyle. Consequently, we say, "That's not for me." Real holiness, the genuine and authentic character of being different like God, is none of those things. It's more than that. Holiness is one of the essential elements of God's nature that is required of His people. Holiness may also be understood by the words "sanctification" or "godliness." The Hebrew word for "holy" means that which is "sanctified" or "set apart" for divine service. While the word "holy" is sometimes used in a ceremonial sense, the primary use of the word is to describe God's righteousness that is to be evidenced in His followers. What does it mean to be holy or different from God? Peter tells us that it means that we're to think differently. 1 Peter 1:13 says, "13 Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ." To be different begins with the proper preparation of our minds. Peter uses a Middle Eastern analogy to describe how one prepares their minds, "let your loins be girded or stay dressed for action or preparing your minds for action." During his time, men wore long, flowing robes. When they were preparing to run or to do physical labor, they usually lifted their robes and secured them with a belt or girdle around their waist. That allowed them the freedom of movement to perform their work or run to the battle.

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Today, we would use the expression “roll up our sleeves.” In other words, we’re to take the initiative in preparing our minds for the life of holiness. It’ll require effort and hard work. The writer of Proverbs says in Proverbs 23:7, “For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.” The apostle Paul warns us not to let the world squeeze us into its mold, “2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” Romans 12:2 So let us live holy lives, set apart for God’s purpose so that we can make the greatest eternal difference for His kingdom work this Easter!

Happy Resurrection Sunday,
Pastor Jim



HBC Goal: \$7,000

Your Gifts at Work

NAMB and Southern Baptists came together to add **917** new congregations in 2022

Since 2010, Southern Baptists have planted more than **10,000** churches across North America

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

When you give, missionaries go.

MAKE JESUS KNOWN

Your giving allows us to help churches start new churches. These are not just dots on a map. They are pulpits. They are people. They are baptisms. They are making a difference in people's lives.

Kevin Ezell
President, NAMB

Deacon of the Week

Feb. 24– March 1	Jason Robison
March 2-8	Ben Murray
March 9-15	Mike Stringfield
March 16-22	Jonathan Sipe
March 23-29	Paco Prince
March 30– April 5	Mark Smith

HBC Deacon Family Assignments 2023-2024		Greeters– March 2024
		March 3 – Linda/ Samanthaia
		March 10– Jimmy / Kristy
		March 17 – David/Diane
		March 24– Johnny/ Gayle/ Brian
		March 31- Keith/ Ramona
		Security Detail Schedule
		Steve Conner/ Jennifer Sipe
		Mark Smith/ David Inocencio
		Rick Miller/ Jason Farris
		Jason Robison/ TBD
		Ben Murray/ TBD
		Mike Stringfield/ Jimmy Gaddis
		Jonathan Sipe/ Bradley Rogers
		Paco Prince/ Keith Bailey
		Bobby Ferrell/ Linda Miller
		Tommy Griffin/ Jimmy Gaddis
		Johnny McBride/ Scarlett Carpenter
		Steve Stone/ Ben Howell

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May the LORD make you increase, both you and your children. May you be blessed by the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth. Psalm 115:14-15

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

March Nursery Volunteers

Sunday March 3:

Bible Study: Jennifer Sipe

Morning Worship: Kim Dodson, Amanda Monroe, Kathy Hasty

Evening Worship: Scarlett Carpenter, Kathy Hasty

Wednesday March 6: Kim Dodson and Donna Jackson

Sunday March 10:

Bible Study: Liz Whittemore

Morning Worship: Kim Dodson, Liz Whittemore, Julie Rogers

Evening Worship: Samantha Norman, Kathy Hasty

Wednesday March 13: Kim Dodson and Donna Jackson

Sunday March 17:

Bible Study: David Inocencio

Morning Worship: David Inocencio, Kim Dodson, Kathy Hasty

Evening Worship: Linda Bolinger, Kathy Hasty

Wednesday March 20: No AWANA- (spring break)

Sunday March 24:

Bible Study: Diane Inocencio

Morning Worship: Kim Dodson, Kelly Farris, Rick Miller

Evening Worship: Rema Bell, Kathy Hasty

Wednesday March 27: Kim Dodson, Donna Jackson

Sunday March 31: Happy Easter!

Bible Study: David Inocencio

Morning Worship: Kim Dodson, Linda Bolinger, Kathy Hasty

It's wild that two months have already come and gone in 2024. We had our first VBS meeting in January. We have another meeting/ training on March 3rd, at 3:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We still have spots we need to fill. If you want to order anything, please give it to Amy ASAP. If you are interested in helping this year, please get in touch with me or let me know at the meeting. The main focus of the training will be on Leading a Child to Christ.

With Easter this month, I wanted to offer a gift to families with kids. I ordered several copies of "Awaken: 21-Day Easter Devotional for Kids and Family." This devotional will be an excellent resource for you to use with your family this year. Even if your kids are just babies, starting the habit of spending time in a family Bible study is essential. If you want one, let me know.

"Easter Sunday should be one of the best celebrations of the year! But sometimes, it's easy to get into a routine when it comes to Easter and forget what we're actually celebrating. We usually do a great job of celebrating Jesus coming back to life, but sometimes, we don't spend too much time on what led up to that point. It's easy to brush past the sadness that this joy comes from because it's uncomfortable and upsetting. By going through *Awaken: A 21- Day Kids & Family Devotional* with your child, you can be sure they will be awakened to a fresh perspective on the gravity of all the Easter story holds. Even though the days leading up to Easter can be sad, heavy, and dark, you and your child will learn how to reflect on these things while still being able to rejoice that Easter Sunday always comes! "- YM360.com

Please pray for the youth as we head to YEC 2024, March 22nd -23rd, at New Vision Church in Murfreesboro, TN. Cost is \$15 per student. Money for YEC needs to be turned in ASAP.

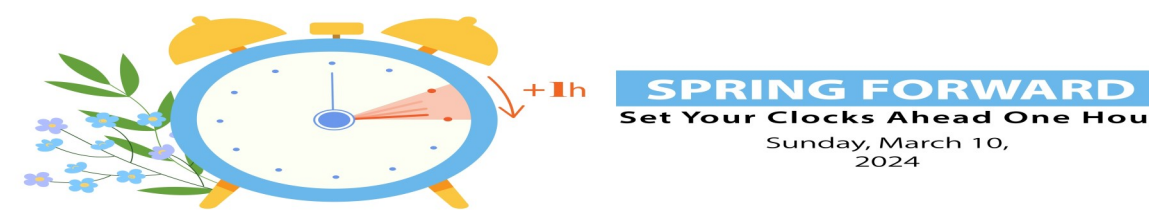


March 23 – 1pm-3pm
Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Join us for Food, Fun & Games
4000 Easter Eggs

March 31 – 7am
Sunrise Service &
Breakfast Following

March 31 – 10:30am
Easter Worship Service
No Evening Worship

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Highlands Highlights
<div></div>					1 Peyton Bennett	2	Counters For March Kathy Hasty, Donna Jackson
							Vacation Bible School Meeting Sunday, March 3rd at 3:30 p.m.
							Deacon's Meeting Sunday, March 10, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	March Prime Timers (55 & Better) Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at noon Lunch will be catered by City Sandwich Company. Please sign-up on the bulletin board so we know how many to expect.
<div>Week of Prayer for North American Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering– March 3-10</div>							
VBS Training 3:30 p.m.		Mickey Kiber				Leonia Ross	Quarterly Business Meeting Sunday, March 17th at 6:00 p.m.
10 <div>Time Change “Spring Forward”</div> Deacons Meeting 4:00 p.m.	11 Christie Craig	12 Prime Timers 12 p.m.	13 Laura Hice	14	15 Brenda McGinnis	16 Vickey Craig	Easter Week Schedule March 23 – Easter Egg Hunt– 1-3 p.m. (sign-up to help on the bulletin board.) March 29 – Good Friday– Church Office Closed March 31 – Easter Sunday 7:00 a.m.– Sunrise Service followed by Breakfast. 9:15 a.m.– Bible Study 10:30 a.m.– Easter Morning Worship No Evening Worship
17 Business Meeting 6 p.m.	18	19	20 No AWANA, Wednesday Night Supper, or Nursery	21	22 <div>Youth Evangelism Conference</div>	23 Easter Egg Hunt 1-3 p.m. Tracy Sergeant	March Children’s Church Volunteers 3rd– Matt/Karen 10th- Joanna/Ryan/ Briana 17th -Jonathan / Ann / Rylie 24th- Milly / Julie 31st- Brenda / MJ
Elijah Koehler	Bethel Bell	<div>TCS Spring Break– March 15-22</div>			Jewel Ferrell		
24 Amanda Monroe Joanna Koehler	25	26 Jonathan Sipe	27 Linda Doult	28	29 Good Friday Church Office Closed	30	Sound Volunteer Schedule– March 2024 2/28/24 & 3/3/24– Ben Muray 3/6/24 & 3/10/24– Ben Howell 3/13/24 & 3/17/24– Ben Murray 3/20/24 & 3/24/24– Andrew Newton 3/27/24 & 3/31/24-Ben Murray
31 EASTER No Evening Services	<div>MARCH 2024</div>						



Sunday Schedule

Bible Study – 9:15 AM

Morning Worship – 10:30 AM

Children's Church is available during the Service for children 3 years old– 2nd Grade

Evening Worship – 6:00 PM



Wednesday Night Schedule

**Church– Wide Wednesday Night Supper
5:00– 5:30 p.m.**

(Wednesday Night Supper will not be served May– August)

**AWANA—4 Years old– 5th Grade
5:30– 7:00 p.m.**
(AWANA will not meet May– August.)

**Youth and Adult Classes
All Classes Meet at 6:00 PM**

Youth Group

Youth Dept.

Prayer Meeting/ Bible Study

Sanctuary

Prayer Meeting/ Bible Study is available on campus and online.

Adult Choir Practice 7:00 PM