



Our Annual Easter Eggstravaganza is here! We're excited to celebrate together, with parents and grandparents joining us for games and activities as we focus on the true meaning of Easter.

Please be in prayer for our Child Development Center as we prepare to say goodbye to Mrs. Susan Solomon at the end of May. We are so grateful for her faithful ministry to our community and pray God's blessings over her as she enters retirement.

As we look ahead, we are currently in need of a morning teacher. If you know a Christian with experience working with young children, please encourage them to contact the Child Development Center.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER
 7:00 AM - 5:30 PM Monday - Friday
 PRESCHOOL AGES 3-5
 ANN SMITH, Director 455-8642

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YEARS

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As we continue to focus on the priority of prayer for our church throughout this year, don't forget to sign up for BLESS or call the church office to start praying for five of your neighbors each week. We need to realize that prayer is vital to the Christian life because it flows out of a heart that delights in the Word of God. When Scripture becomes our joy rather than a duty, prayer becomes a natural response of trust and dependence.

Psalm 1 opens with a gracious invitation: "How blessed is the man..." This blessing isn't a temporary happiness tied to good circumstances, but a deep, abiding joy that's rooted in spiritual, emotional, and moral well-being. It's the kind of joy God desires for every believer. Psalm 1 answers a very important question: Who is the truly blessed person? And the answer may not be what the world expects. The blessed person is first identified by what they refuse. They don't walk in the counsel of the wicked, they don't stand in the path of sinners, and they don't sit in the seat of scoffers. There's a downward progression in that pattern of walking, standing, sitting, which leads to a gradual settling into a mindset that leaves God out. The blessed individual understands how subtle that drift can be. So they guard their heart. They're careful about the voices they allow to influence their thinking, because they know that beliefs shape behavior, and behavior shapes destiny.

But the heart of the passage is not simply avoiding things; it's delight. "His delight is in the law of the Lord, and on His law he meditates day and night." God's Word is not an obligation to check off a list. It's a treasure. It's the revelation of who God is. It's His wisdom, His ways, and His purposes. The blessed person returns to Scripture again and again, not out of routine, but out of a hunger to know God more fully. They think on it throughout the day, they allow its truth to correct their perspective, to calm their fears, and to guide their decisions. Over time, that steady meditation renews their mind and reshapes their desires so that they want what God wants. And that's where true blessing begins.

The psalmist then gives us a powerful image: this life is like a tree firmly planted by streams of water. It's not struggling to survive; it's rooted in a constant source of life. As a result, it bears fruit in its season. There is evidence of spiritual growth, and there's evidence of love, wisdom, encouragement, and strength flowing into the lives of others. And even in seasons of heat or drought, its leaf does not wither.

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Circumstances may change, but the source of life doesn't. When we, as believers, are anchored in God's Word, we can remain steady because our confidence rests in an unchanging Lord. By contrast, the wicked may seem secure for a season, but they are like chaff, which is weightless and temporary. Their success doesn't endure. But the Lord knows the way of the righteous. He watches over them with loving, personal care. And the fruit of a life rooted in His Word carries eternal significance.

When Scripture says that whatever they do prospers, it doesn't promise a life without hardship. Rather, it assures us that a life that's aligned with God's truth will accomplish His purposes. Nothing is wasted in His hands. True blessing, then, is not measured by comfort or success as the world defines it. It's measured by a life that's rooted in Scripture, sustained through adversity, and fruitful for eternity. And that kind of blessing is available to every believer who will delight in God's Word and trust Him day by day to accomplish what only He can do. So keep prayer as a priority by using God's Word to guide your prayers and keep on praying for your neighbors that God would open opportunities for you to be an eternal blessing to them!

In Christ,
Pastor Jim

HIGHLAND on MISSION

Praise God that so many Highlanders have prayed for our North American Missions endeavors and have given to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering! We are more than halfway toward our goal of \$7,000 with _____ given to date! It's certainly not too late to give! Please remember that 100% of the money given goes to fund and support over 3,000 missionaries and the ministries in North America as the good news of Jesus Christ is shared.

Dates to remember:

April 19th: Susan Johnson will share in our Morning Worship about the ministry of Isaiah 117 House. Highland gives monthly to this ministry through our Missions buget. It will be a blessing to hear about the impact being made to children in their time of need. Come and hear for yourself!

April 20th: Highland will host the meal for the Motlow Baptist Collegiate Ministry. Purdom's BBQ will cater the food portion. We will need to provide drinks and desserts. We will also need 3 servers. A sign up sheet will be posted on board outside the office area. Ladies, it's "time to shine" with the baking talents of many in our congregation! Please sign up!

With a grateful heart,
Rema Bell

Deacon of the Week

March 28-April 3	Jason Robison
April 4-10	Jonathan Sipe
April 11-17	Mark Smith
April 18-24	Roger Williams
April 25-May 1	Stan Smith

Greeters – April 2026

April 5 – Jimmy/ Kristy
April 12 – Johnny/ Gayle/ Brian
April 19 – David/Diane
April 26 – Samantha/Linda/Kathy
May 3 – Jimmy/ Kristy

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F	AMY JACKSON	OFFICE MANAGER
	ANN SMITH	DIRECTOR - CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER
	MIKE STRINGFIELD	VOLUNTEER MUSIC DIRECTOR

HBC Deacon Family Assignments 2025-2026	
Group	Deacon
A-BO	Roger Williams
BR-DOU	Stan Smith
DUN-F	Steve Conner
GA-HEN	Jimmy Gaddis
HES-JOR	Bradley Rogers
KI-MOF	Ben Murray
MON-RAY	Rick Miller
RID-SM	Paco Prince
SN-V	Jason Robison
W-Y	Jonathan Sipe
DEACONS	Mark Smith

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” John 11: 25-26

April CHURCH NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Nursery Director – Kathy Hasty – If you are not able to serve on your assigned date then please contact Kathy Hasty.

Sunday April 5: Happy Easter!

Bible Study: Kelly Farris

Morning Worship: Kim Dodson, Kelly Farris, Kathy Hasty

Evening Worship: No Service

Wednesday April 8: Kim and Carrie

Sunday April 12:

Bible Study: Liz Bond

Morning Worship: Kim Dodson, Steve Stone, Linda Bolinger

Evening Worship: Samantha Norman, Kathy Hasty

Wednesday April 15: Kim and Kathy

Sunday April 19:

Bible Study: David Inocencio

Morning Worship: David Inocencio, Kim Dodson, Leah Prince

Evening Worship: Terri Stone, Kathy Hasty

Wednesday April 22: Kim and Kathy

Sunday April 26:

Bible Study: Liz and Lauren

Morning Worship: Kim Dodson, Lauren Fults, Rick Miller

Worship: Linda Bolinger, Kathy Hasty

Wednesday April 29: Awana Celebration Night



Sunday School Teachers, don't forget our training is Sunday, March 8th, after the morning service. We will be serving lunch and then jumping into a training session with Alan Roughton. If you haven't signed up, please do so now! I hope that this training will help sharpen your skills and give you fresh ideas on how to encourage your class as y'all study God's word.

VBS is only 4 months away! We still need volunteers. We need help with decorating, helpers, and much more. Please see Brittany Howell or me if you are interested in helping. Be a part of the VBS team to share the Gospel with kids and their families. Jesus said, “Go and make disciples...” not sit back and watch. Our next VBS training will be on April 19th at 3 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Local Children's Pastor Gary Irvin will be joining us. Pastor Gary has served in Children's Ministry for over 35 years. I asked Gary to come and share some of his experience working with children and in having spiritual conversations in leading kids to Jesus. Come with questions ready to ask! Take advantage of this opportunity!



Men, we will be having our quarterly breakfast on March 21st at 8 am. Invite another man to join us. Bring your sons and grandsons. We will have plenty of food! Don't forget our Men's Bible Study meets Sundays at 5 pm.



Ladies, we will be hosting a painting event for you all on April 11th at 10 am in our Fellowship Hall. If you would like to attend, please scan the QR code or speak with Abigail Peppers for more information. Don't let cost be a reason you can't attend. We have scholarships to help!

Invite a friend!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sound Volunteers – April 2026 2/25/26 & 3/1/26 – Ben Murray 3/4/26 & 3/8/26 – Ben Howell 3/11/26 & 3/15/26 – Ben Murray 3/18/26 & 3/22/26 – Andrew Newton 3/25/26 & 3/29/26 – Ben Murray Wednesday Nights – Janice Davis			1	2	3	4
5 Easter Sunday No Evening Worship	6	7	8	9 Stewardship Team Meeting 6PM	10 Good Friday Church Office Closed	11 Ladies' Paint Event 10AM Women's Night of Worship 5PM
12 Endless Highway 10:15AM Deacon's Meeting 4PM	13	14 PrimeTimers 12PM	15	16	17	18
19 VBS Training 3PM	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Mark Trammell Quartet 6PM	27	28	29	30 AWANA Celebration (last night) 5:30PM	Childrens Church – March 2026 4/5/2026 – Matt Koehler, Ann Smith 4/12/2026 – Jonathan Sipe, Joanna Koehler 4/19/2026 – Brenda Griffin, MJ Murray 4/26/2026 – Mark Raymond, Julie Rogers	

Highlands Highlights

Counters for April
Becky Moffat, Linda Conner



Join us for
Endless Highway
in Concert
Sunday April 12th
at 10:15AM
Highland Baptist Church
808 W Hickory St
Across from the DW Wilson
Community Center & Pool
on Cedar Ln in Tullahoma
Call: 931-455-0645 for more info

PRIME TIMERS
TUESDAY, MARCH 10TH AT 12:00 PM



The Mercantile Cafe
Bakery & Gift Shop

LUNCH WILL BE MEATLOAF, SIDES, AND DESSERT, CATERED BY THE MERCANTILE CAFE.
PLEASE SIGN UP BY MARCH 4TH, SO WE KNOW HOW MANY TO EXPECT.
EVERYONE 55 AND BETTER IS INVITED TO ATTEND.



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MARK TRAMMELL Quartet
SAVE THE DATE
April 26th at 6:00PM



Highland Baptist
Tullahoma, TN

Saturday March 28th 1-3pm
Easter
EGG HUNT

Join us for Food,
Fun & Games
4000+ Easter Eggs

April 5 – 7am
Sunrise Service &
Breakfast Following

April 5 – 10:30am
Easter Worship Service
No Evening Worship

Come to the Registration
Table for a Free Gift!

