



**CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER**  
 7:00 AM - 5:30 PM Monday - Friday  
 PRESCHOOL AGES 3-5  
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As we continue throughout this year of prayer, it's important that we first understand the life from which true prayer flows. Prayer is not an isolated activity—it is the natural expression of a life rightly related to God. So before we discuss practical helps for prayer, let me lay a simple, foundational description of the Christian life.

First, the Christian life is a life of faith in the Son of God. The apostle Paul said in Galatians 2:20 that he had been crucified with Christ, and that the life he now lived, he lived by faith in the Son of God who loved him and gave Himself for him. That means the Christian life is not lived in self-reliance, but in continual, moment-by-moment dependence upon Jesus Christ. We trust Him not only for salvation, but for daily strength, decisions, and direction. Second, the Christian life is a walk in the Spirit. Scripture tells us in Galatians 5 to walk by the Spirit and not carry out the desires of the flesh. That isn't passive, it is an ongoing surrender to the leadership and power of the Holy Spirit, depending on Him for guidance, conviction, and strength to obey. And this naturally leads us to prayer. Third, the Christian life is one of service in the strength that God supplies. 1 Peter 4:11 reminds us that when we serve, we are to do so by the strength God provides, so that in everything He is glorified through Jesus Christ. God never intended for us to serve in our own ability, but through His power working in us. So, when we bring this together, the Christian life is one in which, moment by moment, Christ is trusted, the Spirit is followed, others are served, and God is glorified. And the purpose of the church is to help one another live that way. And it's in that kind of life, a life of faith, dependence, and surrender, that prayer becomes not just something we do, but a vital connection with the living God. So how does prayer fit into this kind of living?

Scripture makes it clear that prayer is central. We are told to "pray without ceasing," to "pray at all times in the Spirit," and that we "ought always to pray and not lose heart." Just as we trust Christ and walk by the Spirit continually, we are to pray continually. Prayer is the lifeline that connects every part of our daily walk with God. What I want to show you from Scripture is how to seek God's help through prayer in everyday life. Because the real question is: How do we live this out? How do we face the pressures, decisions, and interruptions of life so that Christ is trusted, we are helped, others are served, and God is glorified? That's what true spiritual awakening is about, a return to wholehearted dependence on God. It's when believers become deeply committed to trusting Christ, seeking His help, loving others, and desiring His glory in every area of life. And it's intensely practical because it changes life at home and at work as much as in church.

So let's bring it down to where you live. Picture yourself facing a challenge, a difficult conversation, a doctor's visit, an opportunity to share your faith, a heavy schedule, or an important decision. What do you do in that moment? How do you respond so that at the end of the day you can honestly say, "I trusted Christ, I walked by the Spirit, I served in God's strength, and to Him be the glory"? The answer to those questions leads us directly to prayer, because it's through prayer that this kind of life becomes a reality.

So, don't wait until you feel more prepared. Don't wait until life slows down. Don't wait until you think you know exactly how to pray. Start now. Right where you are, in the middle of your responsibilities, in the middle of your concerns, in the middle of your unanswered questions, turn your heart toward God. Speak to Him. Trust Him. Ask Him for help. Make prayer your first response, not your last resort. As you step into each moment of this day, pause and say, "Lord, I need You." And then trust Him to meet you there. Because the Christian life isn't lived by striving harder, it's lived by depending more. And that dependence begins with something as simple, and as powerful, as prayer.

Yours In Christ,  
Pastor Jim Norman

HIGHLAND on MISSION

# May Mission Opportunities

**May 10-June 14 – Life Choices Baby Bottles**

See Rema Bell to pick up your baby bottle & fill it with change, cash or checks then return it by June 14

**Every Friday Foodshare Ministry**

**Mission Trip Opportunities this Summer to:**

**Wyoming/Nebraska, Calgary, & Peru**

See Pastor Jim if you're interested in going on these mission trips

Rema Bell

## Deacon of the Week

**May 2-8** Steve Conner  
**May 9-15** Jimmy Gaddis  
**May 16-22** Bradley Rogers  
**May 23-29** Ben Murray  
**May 30- June 3** Mark Smith

## Greeters – May 2026

**May 3 – Jimmy/ Kristy**  
**May 10 – Johnny/ Gayle/ Brian**  
**May 17 – David/ Diane**  
**May 24 – Samantha/ Linda/ Kathy**  
**May 31 – Keith/ Ramona**



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## 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

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**“Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.”**

**Exodus 20:12**

# May CHURCH NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

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

## **Sunday May 3:**

Bible Study: Kelly Farris

Morning Worship: Kim Dodson, Kelly Farris, Linda Bolinger

No Evening Worship

## **Sunday May 10: Happy Mother’s Day!**

Bible Study: Liz Bond

Morning Worship: Kim Dodson, Phil and Traci Henderson

No Evening Worship

## **Sunday May 17:**

Bible Study: David and Liz

Morning Worship: David Inocencio, Kim Dodson, Rick Miller

Evening Worship: Terri Stone, Donna Jackson

## **Sunday May 24:**

Bible Study: Lauren Fults

Morning Worship: Kim Dodson, Lauren Fults, Linda Bolinger

No Evening Worship

## **Sunday May 31:**

Bible Study: David Inocencio

Morning Worship: Kim Dodson, Steve Stone, Kathy Hasty

No Evening Worship

May is here, and summer ministry events are ramping up soon! Our VBS Kickoff is this month on May 30th, 5 pm – 6:30 pm. Help us get the word out and invite your neighbors. If you missed the last VBS training with Gary Irvin, and you would like a copy of the handouts, let me know. Gary talked about the importance of discerning if a child is ready to decide to follow Jesus. It was truly a Master Class on doing evangelism and discipleship with children. As we approach VBS (June 1-5), please be praying. Here are a few ways you can be praying:

- Pray for the children who will be attending. That God would do a work in their hearts so that they would understand their need for Jesus. That they would experience the love of God through how we talk, encourage, and teach them. (2 Corinthians 5:17; Romans 10:9-10; Psalm 127:3)
- Pray for children to grow in their faith. VBS isn’t just an evangelistic outreach but a week of discipleship. We want to be sure we are helping kids grow in their faith and lay a foundation of God’s truth in their lives. (Matthew 28:18-20; Deuteronomy 6:5)
- Pray for teachers, leaders, and volunteers to have the strength, stamina, and discernment that are needed this week. Pray we will all work in unity. Pray we will always speak to one another with love and grace. (James 1:5,19-20; Ephesians 4:32, Isaiah 40:31)

We still have roles to fill. Please consider helping out. We need a helper for our 5th and 6th-grade class. If you would like to donate funds for dinner or baked goods, please see Brittany Howell or me.

Matt Koehler, Minister of Youth & Education



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Sound Volunteers – May 2026</b> 4/29/26 & 5/3/26 – Ben Howell 5/6/26 & 5/10/26 – Janice Davis 5/13/26 & 5/17/26 – Ben Murray 5/20/26 & 5/24/26 – Ben Murray 5/27/26 & 5/31/26 – Ben Howell		<b>Childrens Church – May 2026</b> 5/3/2026 – Matt Koehler, Riley Robison 5/10/2026 – Jonathan Sipe, Joanna Koehler 5/17/2026 – Coral Leonard, Ryan Robison 5/24/2026 – Julie Rogers, Mary James Murray 5/31/2026 – Mark Raymond, Ann Smith			1	2
3 Fish Fry 4PM No Evening Services Mike Williams	4	5	6 Wendy Fruehauf Jere Ledsinger	7 National Day of Prayer Dwayne Thames	8	9 Car Show/Bake Sale Fundraiser 10AM-2PM Ben Howell
10 Mother's Day No Evening Services Jennifer Williams Christopher Norman	11 Julie Rogers	12 PrimeTimers 12PM	13 CDC Graduaion 8:30AM Ryan Purdom	14 Isaac Raymond	15 Belle Ruyten Christy Ledsinger	16
17 Graduate Recognition Deacon's Mtg. 4PM Josh Hice Titus Koehler	18 Stewardship & Finance Team Mtg. 6PM Steve Hawkersmith	19 Carolyn Stone	20	21 Linda Miller	22 Daley Sergeant	23 Susan Solomon's Retirement 2PM Kelly Farris
24 No Evening Services Kim Whittemore	25 Memorial Day Office Closed	26	27	28	29	30 VBS Kickoff 5PM
31 5th Sunday Dinner Ron Jackson		Keith Hasty			Ben Fults	

## Highlands Highlights

Counters for May  
Linda Hawkersmith, Kimber Henry



**2ND ANNUAL CAR CRUISE IN**  
MAY 2, 2026 • 10AM – 2PM  
YOUTH CAMP FUNDRAISER  
808 W HICKORY ST, TULLAHOMA TN 37388  
RAFFLE PRIZES - \$0.50 GIVE AWAY - FOOD TRUCK ON SITE  
REGISTRATION AT EVENT BY DONATION ONLY - FIRST 50 CARS RECEIVE A DASH PLaque



**FISH FRY**  
Good Food. Great Fellowship. All are Welcome!  
Sunday, May 3 at 4pm  
We are having:  
Fish, Hush Puppies, Fries, Onion Rings, Chips, Cookies, and Chicken Strips for the Kids!



Celebrating **27 Years!**  
Please join us for a  
**RETIREMENT PARTY**  
honoring **Susan Solomon**  
MAY 23 SATURDAY  
Come and Go 2 to 4pm  
Highland Baptist Church  
Fellowship Hall,  
Off Cedar Lane in Tullahoma  
RSVP 931-581-3658 Light Party Foods



OUR **Graduate RECOGNITION SERVICE**  
SUNDAY, MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>  
DURING THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE  
Please get any names of students to Pastor Matt that we may need to recognize by MAY 10<sup>TH</sup>.

