

Highland Baptist Church

GO MOBILE WITH THE MESSAGE (Eph. 6:15)

As we closed out our series “Not Today, Satan,” we were reminded to put on the shoes of readiness for stability and mobility purposes. We are to stand firm against the tactics of Satan, and we are to be on the move with the gospel message. During this Easter season, to whom will you deliver the good news of Jesus Christ? Our Network of Baptist churches is emphasizing the “Who’s Your One?” evangelism strategy. Who’s that one person who has been on your mind and heart recently? Think of two creative ways you might reach out to your “one.” One idea: How about picking them up for church on Easter morning?

GUESTS ARE COMING!

Our building will be filled with guests over the first 12 days of April – Good Friday, the egg hunt, Easter, the Kentucky Baptist Convention’s WMU annual conference, and then hopefully several Easter returnees on the 12th! You’re aware of how the building gets utilized at most of these services/events. The WMU meeting is Friday-Saturday, April 10-11. Approximately 250-300 women from around our state will be here. They will need almost every inch of space in our building for large and small group gatherings/meals. My plea to you is help us get everything straightened up and cleaned up. If you’re in a Bible study class or serve in a ministry, make sure your spaces are in order and completely decluttered. If you have an hour or two to spare, there may be a carpet to be vacuumed or a door to be painted or chairs to be moved or signage to be put in place. We need volunteers for the WMU conference, too. Call the office at 633-3516 to volunteer. Thanks!

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

- **AMERICA READS THE BIBLE** – From April 18-25, 475 ministry leaders and elected officials will be reading the entire Bible out loud from the Museum of the Bible in Washington, D.C. I understand this to be the largest public reading of scripture in American history, and it will be broadcasted across the nation. This is being done ahead of our 250th birthday. It is reminiscent of the time Ezra read the Book of the Law of Moses before the Israelites (Neh. 8:1-3). I pray this will awaken a passion for the Word across America. Details can be found at www.americareadsthebible.com.
- **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER** – The community prayer gathering that typically happens on the first Thursday in May in conjunction with the National Day of Prayer is being moved to the fall (date TBA). So, we will have our own prayer gathering at HBC on Thursday, May 7, from noon-1:00 pm. If you are able to join us at that time, please do. If you are unable to be in person, please pause during that time wherever you are to pray for our church, community, Commonwealth, and nation.
- **GOOD NEIGHBOR DAY AMERICA** is Saturday, May 16. We are working on a project (or two) for that day in partnership with our area ministries. Watch the bulletin!
- **SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIPS** to Oneida, Cincinnati, and Toledo are being planned for the summer and fall! When you see these promoted, pick one for you/your family!

– Pastor Chris

Missions Opportunities

HBC 2026 Mission Trip Opportunities

Oneida Baptist Institute – June 28-30

- Travel info - Team will leave the church on Sunday at 4:00 pm and leave Oneida on Tuesday at 4:00 pm to return home. Work will take place on Monday and Tuesday.
- Scope of work – Projects will be based on skill set of team members and could include painting, landscaping, and minor repair work. There is also the possibility of team members meeting with local pastors for prayer, encouragement, or other supportive ministry.
- Meals – The team will eat dinner on Sunday on the way to Oneida and on the way home on Tuesday. Lunch will be provided by the school on Monday/Tuesday. Dinner on Monday will be determined by the team. The team will be responsible for their own breakfast.
- Lodging – The team will stay in lodging provided by Oneida. Beds will be provided, but team members will need to bring linens/sleeping bags, pillows, and towels.
- Cost – Team members will need money for meals on the road, breakfast items, and any snacks they may want to have. Transportation will be by church van.
- Registration – Please sign up via email or phone call to the church office. Registration deadline is June 14. Group size is limited to 12-15 people.

Cincinnati - TBD

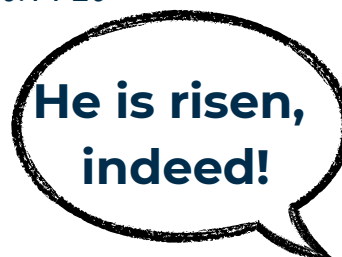
- Pastor Chris and two mission committee members are traveling to Cincinnati on March 31 to meet with several church planters to discuss ministry possibilities. Potential dates include July 19-21 or July 26-28. Team size will be limited to 12-15 people. Cost will be determined based on meal and lodging arrangements.
- Registration – Please sign up or indicate your interest in this trip by email or phone call to the church office. Registration deadline is June 14.

Toledo Serve Tour – September 24-26

- Travel info – Team will leave the church on Thursday at 1:00 pm and leave Toledo on Saturday by 3:00 pm.
- Scope of work – Team will be working as a part of the NAMB Serve Tour in Toledo. Projects will be preplanned with local churches and ministry and could include neighborhood grill walks, home repairs, food distribution, prayer walking, block parties, and other ministry/evangelistic events. Project lists will be available August 3.
- Meals – The team will eat dinner on Thursday on the way to Toledo and on the way home on Saturday. Donuts and coffee will be available at the project hub each morning. Lunch will be provided at the project work sites. Dinner on Friday will be determined by the team.
- Lodging – Lodging possibilities include staying in a local church or a hotel
- Cost – Team members will need money for meals on the road, dinner on Friday, and any snacks they may want to have. Transportation will be by church van.
- Registration - Please sign up via email or phone call to the church office. Registration deadline is June 14. Group size is limited to 12 people.

Easter - Resurrection Day!

*"And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. **But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.**" 1 Cor. 15:14-20*



EASTER

Good Friday
April 3rd 7:00PM

Egg Hunt
April 4th 11:00AM

Sunday Morning - April 5th

Potluck 8:30AM	Sunday School 9:15AM	Service 10:30AM
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EasterNow Phone App

Apple App Store

Google Play Store

Experience the events of Passion week in real time. EasterNow provides step-by-step notification of Easter events and locations from Palm Sunday until Easter Sunday.

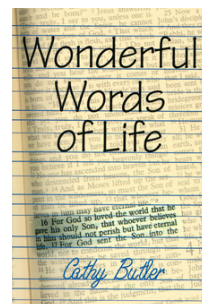
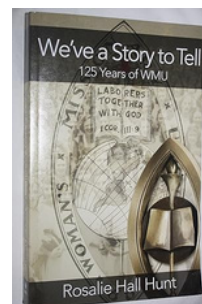
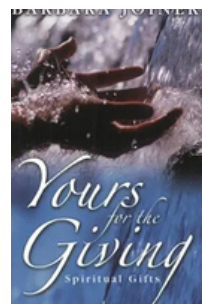
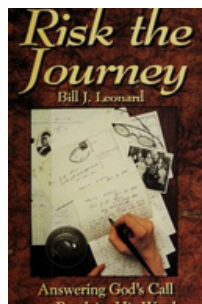
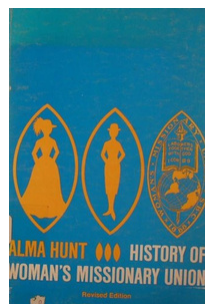
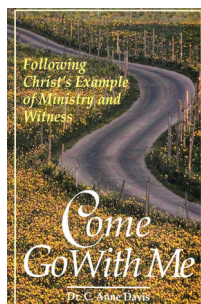
Library Book Corner

As we prepare our hearts for upcoming mission and evangelism opportunities (see Pastor Chris' and Jon Auten's articles) and as we host the Kentucky Women's Missionary Union Missions Celebration, I wanted to share with you a few of the books we have in our church library from WMU. I also encourage you to check out the missionary biographies to inspire your faith and readiness to share the Gospel with the hurting world around us.

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.

Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes...

and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace." Ephesians 6:15



Stewardship Team

Capital Improvements-Funding Update from the Stewardship Team:

Over the past several months the Maintenance Team has been evaluating some overdue maintenance projects to keep our facilities up to date and refreshed. The first project that was approved in January, to correct the water leak in the gym and gym kitchen to avoid long-term damage, is partially done with new gutters and roofing along the back of the building. The second phase of that project will begin soon to replace and install new drainage in the back alley to ensure rainwater is effectively taken away from the building at a cost of about \$75,000. This phase requires special funding, which the Stewardship Team recommends as follows.

To accomplish the funding for the back alley project and future projects, the Stewardship Team recommends a goal of \$100,000 be contributed by the end of 2026. Our 5th Sunday giving, where special contributions over and above our normal tithes and offerings on the 5th Sunday of a month, has enabled the church to cover many big expenses over the past several years (church van, re-paved parking lot, new A/C units, new signs, First Impressions renovations, etc.). The 5th Sundays in 2026 are March 29, May 31, August 30, and November 29. In addition to specific giving on those days, members may also choose to contribute weekly or monthly by designating a contribution, electronically or via envelope, specifically for the "Capital Improvements" fund. If we are able to receive \$25,000 in March and \$50,000 by May, plus \$100,000 by December 2026, we will be on our way to paying for the current project and having a head start on large, future expenditures. Please consider ways in which your family may contribute toward this special funding. As Proverbs 3:9 reminds us, we are to honor the Lord with our wealth and with the best part of everything He has allowed us to have.

Apologetics Training

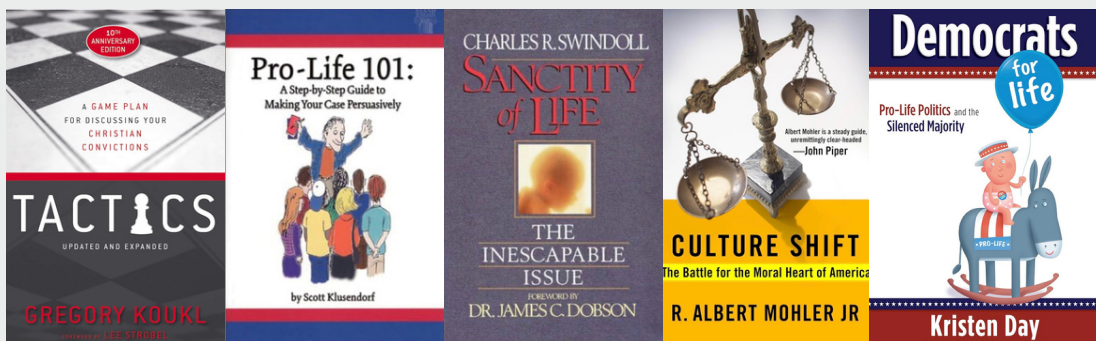
We recently finished an important 7 week series on learning how to defend the pro-life position from the scientific, philosophical, and biblical perspectives. Our time included learning how to respond to common pro-choice objections with logic as well as the grace and truth which should always exemplify a faithful follower of Jesus Christ.

WE STAND FOR
SANCTITY
OF
HUMAN
LIFE



*"Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened." But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. **Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.**" 1 Peter 3:13-17*

If there is an apologetics topic you wish we would cover in a future series, let the church office know.



These books are available in the church library's "Apologetics" section. Additional recommendations are on a list available in the library or through the church office.

Senior Adults



WMU

WMU is alive and active, especially during the month of April. We encourage giving to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

During April, Highland is the host church for the annual State WMU Conference on April 10-11. However, we need to prepare the church to welcome approximately 250 attendees. We are asking for volunteers to help in the following areas: setting up rooms for breakout sessions and different areas to be used throughout the conference, help with parking, lunch set up for event staff and personnel, snack attendants, offering counters to aid the KBC personnel, and greeters/guides to give directions to different areas of the church being used. If you are willing and able to help in any of these areas, please sign up on the sign up sheet in Highland Central. We will also need help in rearranging/preparing the rooms for Sunday School the next day. If you plan to volunteer during the event, please contact Sharon in the church office to register as a volunteer. If you have questions, please contact Barbara Edwards, (502)321-1125 or Sharon in the church office (502) 633-3516. I would like to thank you in advance for your help and prayers.

Also, in April, Highland is hosting the monthly birthday party for Colonial Hall on April 14 at 2:00 pm.

During the month of May, we will be meeting at our regular day and time - May 11 at 1:00 pm in Highland Central. We will also be collecting items needed by the Butterfly House.

**Sign up to Attend
or to Volunteer**
KY WMU 2026
Missions Celebration
April 10-11
at HBC
For more information,
contact Barbara Edwards
or Sharon Wilson

Women's Ministry

I don't know about you, but this time of year seems busier than ever, and I find myself often overwhelmed by all there is to do and all the people and things who need my time, energy and focus. I find myself searching for moments of peace to renew my spirit. In a recent devotion, the author talked about finding "Selah moments" or times for quiet reflection. A Selah moment is like the interlude in a song often used by the psalmist that allows for a brief pause. Busyness and distractions often keep us away from God. Sometimes what we need most is to just take a moment to pause, acknowledge God's presence, and breathe in His peace. In Psalm 16:8 David says, "I always let the Lord guide me." I'm working on being intentional in the middle of family, work, church, friends, and all the expectations that go along with that to make sure that I'm looking to God for guidance. I want to be able to say that in Him I live and move and have my being (Acts 17:8). I pray that as you enter spring and move into summer, you will find peace and use the following tips to help along the journey:

Some Key Principles for Finding Peace:

- **Fix Your Gaze:** Shift focus away from chaos and onto God to find perfect peace.
- **Trust His Presence:** Recognize that God is with you and actively working on your behalf.
- **Remember His Record:** Actively recall past faithfulness to build trust for current challenges.
- **Stop Striving:** Exchange self-reliance for dependency on God to experience His peace.
- **Pause and Pray:** Utilize moments of rest or "Selah moments" to breathe in God's peace and break from distraction.

(excerpts from Lifeway women, various devotions)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **Friday night Fellowships** – April 17th
 - Watch for the sign-up sheet in Highland Central
- **Annual Spring Retreat---** **be on the lookout for details and registration!**
 - May 2, 2026: 10 am - 3 pm
 - Our theme this year is **"SHINE": More of Christ / Less of Me**
 - More of Christ through Bible Study
 - More of Christ through Prayer
 - More of Christ through Worship
 - More of Christ through Service

Prepare now to join us for fellowship, Bible Study, worship and celebration.

Pray for those ladies God will put in your path to encourage and invite to join us.

Women's Ministry Spring Retreat

May 2 from 10am-3pm



**"SHINE": More of Christ /
Less of Me**

Matthew 5:16

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Children's Ministry



After Church Hangout
May 17th
in the Gym

Children's Ministry Families Stay After Church for Bouncies, Food, and Fun!



June 7th-11th
6:00-8:30PM
Family Night
June 12th 6:00PM

Highland Baptist Church
Vacation Bible School
3 years old through 5th grade

Student Ministry



Highland Students

SERVICE PROJECTS

MAY 3RD
6:00-8:00PM

SENIOR NIGHT

MAY 31ST
6:00-7:30PM

AND ICE CREAM



Go Fund

Requirements due by May 17th

- Book read & discussed
- Scripture memorized and recited to Zach or Tina
- 3 interviews completed

Book Discussion


- May 3rd after church
- Have book finished
- Lunch provided

Men's Ministry

No Men's Bible Study on April 4 due to Easter activities or April 11 due to the KY WMU Missions Celebration.

Men's Breakfast

April 18
May 16
8:00am



The Gospel of Matthew
Men's Bible Study
Saturdays 8:00am

* Except 3rd Saturday for Men's Breakfast studying Romans

Announcements

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GLORIFY GOD
Among the Nations
SEEKING HIM IN ALL GENERATIONS

1 Chronicles 16:24

National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 7, 2026
Noon-1:00pm at HBC



Christian Widow and Widower Support Group
Finding Hope and Healing Together

1st Thursday of each month
2:00pm
Highland Baptist Church

Contact Todd Claypool at
(502) 321-9587 or

todd.claypool@capernaumcare.org



Women's Ministry Spring Retreat

May 2 from 10am-3pm



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THOMAS KARCHER & HOPE

Our church member, who is pursuing education for full time ministry, is returning Sunday the 26th to help lead worship and to fellowship with us afterwards as we celebrate what the next stage holds for his upcoming wedding and ministry.

April 26 - After church in the gym
Reception & refreshments provided
by Thursday Women's Bible Study Group

There will be a "Money Tree" for gifts



5th Sunday Capital Improvement Fund

May 31

Special Offering, Over &
Above Weekly Tithes &
Offering, Goes to Future
Building Repairs & Capital
Improvements - Note in the
Memo section



April & May CALENDAR

- April 2 2:00pm Widow/Widower Support Group
- April 3 7:00pm Good Friday Service / Communion
- April 4 No Men's Bible Study
11:00am Kids Easter Egg Hunt
- April 5 Easter Sunday
8:30am Potluck Breakfast
- April 9-11 KY WMU Missions Celebration
- April 11 No Men's Bible Study
- April 12 Deacon Meeting after church
- April 13 1:00pm WMU meeting, all women welcome
- April 18-25 America Reads The Bible
- April 18 8:00am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
- April 21-23 Senior Adult ministry Celebration Conference
- April 25 8:00am Real Men Discipleship
- April 26 Be Our Guest meal for visitors
Wedding shower / reception for Thomas
Karcher & Hope after church, all invited

- May 2 8:00am Real Men Discipleship
10:00am Women's Spring Retreat
- May 3 Communion
Deacon Meeting after church
6:00pm Student Service Project
- May 7 Noon-1:00pm National Day of Prayer gathering
2:00pm Widow/Widower Support Group
- May 9 8:00am Real Men Discipleship
- May 10 Mother's Day
- May 11 1:00pm WMU, all women welcome
- May 16 8:00am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
Local Good Neighbor Day Service Projects - TBA
- May 17 SBC Children's Ministry Sunday
Kids After Church Hangout in the Gym
Go Fund requirements due for Students
- May 23 8:00am Real Men Discipleship
- May 25 Memorial Day - Office Closed
- May 31 5th Sunday Capital Improvement Fund Giving
6:00pm Student Senior Night & Ice Cream

Happy Anniversary!

- Rick & Connie Downey – 4/06
- Steve & Michell Yount – 4/06
- Chris & Renae Lawson – 4/11
- Mike & Judy Roberts – 4/27
- David & Amber Fitzgerald – 4/28
- Greg & Linda Lanham – 4/28
- Dallas & Michelle King - 4/29



Happy Anniversary!

- Ben & Missy McCray – 5/06
- Tomas & Linda Clark – 5/12
- Tyler & Courtney Bradley - 5/16
- Nicholas & Holly Graver – 5/19
- Eli & Elaine Harkey – 5/25
- Daniel & Sharon Wilson – 5/26
- Jeremiah & Hannah Brown - 5/28
- Chris & Jennifer Land – 5/31



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- Donna Hedges – 4/2
- Marcy Nance – 4/4
- Michelle Stith – 4/7
- Kenton Rovetto – 4/7
- Alex Warford – 4/7
- Charlie LeCompte – 4/9
- Ronda Montgomery – 4/9
- Donna Jo Cheak – 4/12
- Esther Clark – 4/12
- Andie Williams – 4/13



- Daniel Wilson – 4/14
- Briana Clark – 4/16
- Hanna Warford – 4/16

- Faye Hyde – 4/18
- Denis Tocci – 4/19
- Dan Durenberger – 4/23
- Teresa Smith – 4/23
- Victoria Mitchell – 4/25
- Flo Reese – 4/26
- Amy Babb – 4/28
- Adyson Murray – 4/28
- Brenda Oldham – 4/28
- Jim Murray – 4/30

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- Betty Barnett – 5/01
- Sharon Wilson – 5/02
- Becky Money – 5/04
- Judy Roberts – 5/06
- Regina Seabolt – 5/06
- Samantha Johnson – 5/09
- Kierstyn Curry – 5/10
- Brenda Adams – 5/11
- Harold Richardson – 5/12
- Fred Rothenburger – 5/13
- Rachel Griffin – 5/14
- Ashlynn Lanning – 5/14



- Reagan Gossett – 5/16
- Kayzlee Douthitt – 5/18
- Ralph Richardson – 5/19
- Patti Tocci – 5/19
- Alyssa Costello – 5/20
- Janice Musselman – 5/22
- Mike George – 5/24
- Amber Burner – 5/24
- Ricky Warford – 5/25
- Gayle Marston – 5/27
- Pat Spicer – 5/28
- John Gardner – 5/30

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Our mission is to make disciples by engaging people with the transformative gospel of Jesus Christ.

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For the glory of God alone!



Highland
BAPTIST CHURCH