

Highland Baptist Church

Remembering Mom

In one of Jesus' parables, He included the familiar words of the master:

"Well done, good and faithful servant." – Matthew 25:21

I thought of those words when my mom, Pat Platt, passed away on September 17. In the midst of the heartbreak, I celebrated her homegoing because she had been a "good and faithful servant." She had trusted Jesus as a young person and led my dad to Christ when they were 15. My dad saw her the day she moved into their Connecticut neighborhood when they were 13, thought she was beautiful, and eventually began a life's journey with her that lasted nearly seven decades. My mom would have turned 83 on October 8.

One of the lasting images I have of her is seeing her in God's Word every day, usually going through one of three devotional guides she had stacked next to her. In the last several years, in addition to her own church's worship service, she also had the habit of watching three sermons every Sunday – David Jeremiah's, another minister's in Boston, and my sermon. She would then send me a text quoting her favorite things from my sermon.

My dad is the one who taught me how to shepherd and love a church family. My mom taught me how to be a storyteller. It's probably why I love the gospel stories so much. Mom's stories were family stories. They were super detailed and super long – now you know why my sermons are long. She also would repeat the stories and all of us would tease her for doing so – but that didn't deter her from continuing the story for the 45th time.

I read a devotional this week about Matthew 25:21. The writer said that "well done" speaks to competency – Did I steward what God placed in my hands with excellence? Did I develop the gifts He gave me? "Good" speaks to character – Am I the same person in private as I am in public? "Faithful" speaks to commitment – Did I stay with the assignment God gave me? Did I remain obedient even when things became difficult or when nobody noticed? In other words: "Competency is how you steward the assignment. Character is who you are while carrying it. Commitment is whether you keep carrying it."

My mom was capable in her calling, godly in her character, and by God's grace, faithful to the end. I've/We've been so blessed to live life alongside her. Thank you for giving me grace and space as I was in Boston being with her in her final two days and then being there for her arrangements, service and burial. Thanks for praying for my dad and family. Thanks for all the calls, texts, and ways you filled in for me. Many of you have asked what you can do for me/my family. (1) Pray. (2) Remember that God is good all the time and all the time God is good. (3) Carry out the Great Commission of making disciples. It would bring me incredible joy and encouragement to see our church family passionate about the mission.

– Chris Platt

Operation Christmas Child (OCC)

Shoebox Season is here! At the end of October, we will be making shoeboxes available for you and your family to fill with items to bless children around the world. We will be packing for boys and girls in three age groups, 2-4, 5-9, and 10-14. Include a fun “Wow” item such as a soccer ball and pump, doll, stuffed animal, toy cars, jump ropes, yo-yos. Also include school supplies and personal care items. Because of Customs regulations, soap is no longer accepted in the boxes. Begin now looking for items that you would like to use to fill your boxes. Suggested gift lists will be available on our table along with some hand-crafted gifts donated by our church members. We want to make each box Fun, Full, and Personalized. Please plan to include a note to the child in your box. You can also include a family picture which they will treasure as if of their own family.

In addition to reaching children around the world, you have the opportunity to serve locally to help prepare our shoeboxes for their journey. Highland Baptist Church serves as the collection center for Shelby County and six other drop-off locations in Northwest Kentucky. During National Collection Week, Nov. 16-23, we will need volunteers to help us pack the shoeboxes into cartons, and we will need some strong volunteers to help us load the cartons onto the trailers provided by Samaritan's Purse. Plan to participate in this ministry and know that your gift of a shoebox and the gift of your time in volunteering helps children around the world hear the Good News of the Gospel!

For more information, contact Susan Haven or visit www.samaritanspurse.org/occ for more shoebox packing suggestions, the latest resources, and to Follow Your Box labels.

Area Collection Times - Volunteers Needed:

- Monday, Nov. 16 from 10am - 2pm
- Tuesday, Nov. 17 from 3pm - 6pm
- Wednesday, Nov. 18 from 3pm - 6pm
- Thursday, Nov. 19 from 10am - 2pm
- Friday, Nov. 20 from 2pm - 5pm
- Saturday, Nov. 21 from 9am - 12pm
- Sunday, Nov. 22 from 2pm - 5pm
- Monday, Nov. 23 from 9am - 12pm

How to Pack a Box • Personal Care Items • School Supplies • Clothing & Accessories • Games & Activities • Toys

DO NOT INCLUDE • Soap • Food, candy, or gum • Toothpaste • Used or damaged items • Scary or war-related items • Wearable traditional camouflage • Seeds or organic matter • Liquids • Medication • Money • Breakable items • Matches, fire starters, or aerosols • Knives, saws, or razor blades



After sharing the story of the Good Samaritan, Jesus said “Go and do likewise.” That is the mission of Samaritan's Purse—to follow the example of Christ by helping those in need and proclaiming the hope of the Gospel.



Senior Adult Ministry



*"The righteous flourish like the palm tree
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.*

*They are planted in the house of the Lord:
they flourish in the courts of our God.*

They still bear fruit in old age:

they are ever full of sap and green.

to declare that the Lord is upright:

He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him." Psalm 92:12-15

Stewardship

A recent devotion defined stewardship as "our practical obedience in the administration of everything God has entrusted to us." As the Stewardship Team recently prepared and presented the budget for our current fiscal year, we were reminded how God has blessed Highland Baptist in many ways through the years and that we need to be wise stewards of our resources throughout the year. One way we are trying to accomplish that is by doing inventory of each room and classroom so we know exactly what we do possess and how to make best use of the things we already have. To the team leads of the various groups and teams across our church body, please pay close attention to the expenses that arise each month in your expense accounts so we can stay within the budgeted totals. Through the first 3 months of this year, our receipts are about \$10,000 below last year's receipts at the same time, and also only at about 90% of our budgeted totals. The Stewardship Team will update the church body via the newsletter and business meetings throughout the year as we strive to be wise and efficient managers of the resources that God provides. God owns, we manage.

Women's Ministry

".... Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength." (Nehemiah 8:10)

Joy is not just a fleeting emotion based on our circumstances. It is a deep, spiritual state of gladness and confidence rooted in God. Nehemiah reminds the Israelites that God's joy is a strong wall that protects His people and gives them power to keep going. The Hebrew word for strength (maoz) also means a refuge, fortress, or safe stronghold. Be reminded that God is our strength, our shield, our ever-present help in time of need. (Psalm 46:1; Psalm 18:2).

One of the greatest examples of God-given joy in my life was my mother-in-law Pat. Her joy was rooted in her deep passion for her Saviour. Bible study and prayer were central to her life. She taught us how to celebrate each other, family and friends, and life's big events. Pat also taught us how to claim this joy that only comes from knowing God during the hard times. She faced her battle with breast cancer and ongoing chronic heart issues with faithfulness as she claimed God's promises. Her legacy is rich and God-honoring. She would say to all of us- don't miss a minute of God's joy. Don't let your circumstance rob you of this gift given to believers. Most of all, don't forget to celebrate the blessings of faith, family, and friendship!

Finding Joy through Bible study

Beginning Oct. 7 on Wednesdays at 6 pm and at 10 am: Have you ever wrestled with deep questions about your faith, but weren't sure where to ask them? You are not alone. We will begin a transformative new study: "14 Questions of Faith" with Ronda Montgomery. Together, we will create a safe, welcoming space to explore the core pillars of what we believe, tackle honest doubts, and strengthen our understanding of Scripture. Whether you are a lifelong believer looking to deepen your roots or someone searching for answers to hard questions, your voice and perspective are welcome here. Come pull up a chair, connect with a supportive community of sisters, and grow closer to God as we seek Him together. *sign-up in Highland Central

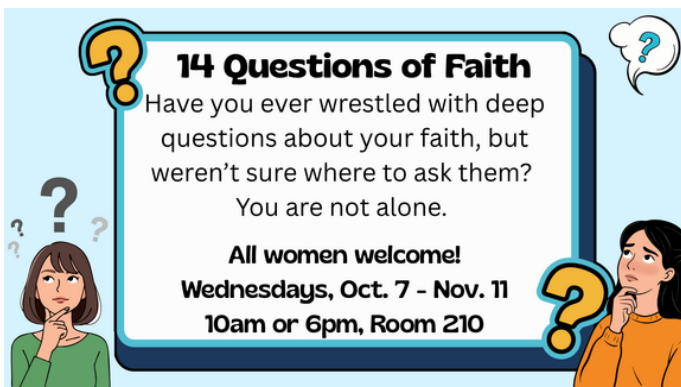
We will take a break from Wednesday Bible study from Thanksgiving to New year's and start back in January with a study of the book of Hosea, followed by a study of James. Mark your calendars!

Finding Joy through Fellowship: Friday Fellowship

- October 16 @ 6:30 pm– Our own Samantha Johnson will lead us in a watercolor painting class. No experience needed! Samantha is a great teacher. Come be surprised at how gifted you really are and spend time building new relationships and growing existing ones.
- November 20 @ 6:30pm – We will put together care packages for home bound and nursing home residents. Watch for details of items to bring.

Finding Joy through Worship: Women of Joy

October 9-11 in Pigeon Forge: Our group will travel together and spend the weekend in fellowship with each other and in corporate Bible study and Worship with women from across the country. Pray for God to reveal Himself in new ways to those attending. See Elaine Harkey for details / times.



Women's Missionary Union

Our regular WMU meetings continue to be on the second Monday of each month: October 12 and November 9 at 1:00pm. All women are invited to join us.

The time is here for the annual Christmas backpack project. We have several free backpacks that you can pick up and fill with needed items or you can buy your own backpack. The backpacks and needed information are located in Highland Central. We encourage you to help us give children in Kentucky a good Christmas, as well as a witness for Jesus. During the week of October 26-30, from 9 AM - 2 PM, our church will be the donation receiving center for this area. If you would like to help in this effort, please contact Barbara Edwards (502) 321-1125 to volunteer.

In November, we would encourage you to participate with the Samaritan Purse Christmas Shoebox project. The shoeboxes reach children worldwide.

Thank you in advance for your help with these projects.

Men's Ministry

In August we held a "Men's Rally." We had plenty of fun. We ate great food, played several games, and worshiped together. Guests from Awake Ministry, Father's Love, and our local schools' reading program joined us. They're doing real work for men, fathers, and kids in our community, and it was a privilege to have them with us.

Here's the takeaway: the men at the church that day weren't superheroes. They were regular guys who showed up. That's the whole secret.

If you've been on the sidelines, this is your invitation. Join a group of men at Highland, find your people, and grow. You'll be stronger for it, and so will the men next to you.

Not sure where to start? Join us any Saturday at 8am at the church for men's Bible study. Come as you are. There's a seat for you.

Men's Breakfast

Oct. 17
Nov. 21
8:00am



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

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

Children's Ministry



Kid's Ministry Day at the Orchard!

Oct 17th - 10:00AM
\$5 per person
Age 2 and under free

Come out for fun and fellowship together!



Wednesdays 6:00-7:00PM

Younger Choir for K - 2nd Grade
Older Choir for 3rd - 5th Grade

Hosted by Highland Baptist Church

It's our hope to give Shelbyville Kids the experience of being in a choir and furthering their music education. We point all things to Jesus through the wonderful gift of music. We'd love for your child to join!

Student Ministry



Upward Soccer

As the summer heat finally begins to subside, we are nearing the conclusion of the 2026 Upward soccer season. Our 41 participants this year have learned Bible verses relating to respect, kindness, forgiveness and good news. An Upward Celebration will occur on Saturday, October 3 in the Highland gym as we celebrate the conclusion of our season together. We will share how our memory verses point toward Jesus as the Savior of the world. A special thanks to our coaches and volunteers for their commitment to teach the kids about soccer and biblical virtues. It is our hope and prayer that through soccer we have planted a seed that will grow and bear fruit for Christ.

Upward basketball with cheerleading is right around the corner with registration beginning in October. The church will host a table at the Celebration of Lights in downtown Shelbyville on Saturday, November 14, as we distribute Upward information. There will be an early registration discount so stay tuned for news about that. Evaluations, one of which is mandatory for each participant, will occur on Sat. December 12, Tues. December 15, and Tues. December 15. First practices will begin the week of January 4 with games beginning Saturday, January 16 and going through Saturday, March 6. We are expecting about 100 boys and girls between kindergarten and 8th grade to participate. If anyone is interested in volunteering, in areas such as coaching, scorekeeping, serving concessions, or as a prayer leader, please contact Rick Haven.

Save The Dates - Holiday Schedule

Holiday Season

THANKSGIVING CHURCH-WIDE POTLUCK

NOV. 22 AT 6:00PM

NO WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE

NOV. 25

LOTTIE MOON WEEK OF PRAYER

NOV. 26 - DEC. 6

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROL NIGHT

DEC. 16 AT 6:00PM

KID'S MINISTRY SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY

DEC. 20 AT 9:15AM

STUDENT MINISTRY CHRISTMAS PARTY

DEC. 20 AT 5:30PM

NO WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE

DEC. 23

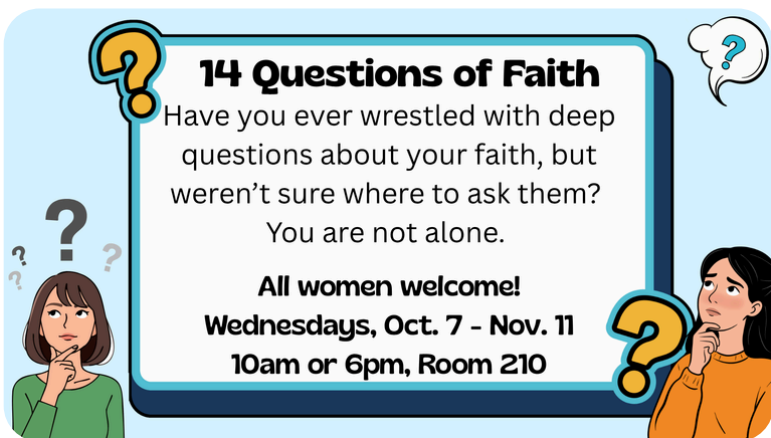
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

DEC. 24 AT 5:00PM

NO WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE

DEC. 30

Announcements



14 Questions of Faith
Have you ever wrestled with deep questions about your faith, but weren't sure where to ask them?
You are not alone.

All women welcome!
Wednesdays, Oct. 7 - Nov. 11
10am or 6pm, Room 210



BONFIRE
November 1st
4:00pm
Hayride S'mores Hot Dogs
Rothenburger Farm



Senior Adult

Hymn Sing
Potluck Meal
Tues. Oct. 13 at 12:00pm



Election Day November 3th

"Choose some wise,
understanding and
respected men from each
of your tribes, and I will set
them over you."
Deuteronomy 1:13



Christmas Backpacks
Network Collection @ Highland
Last week in October



CHURCH WIDE
Thanksgiving Fellowship
Let's be thankful together!
Nov 20 at 6 pm in the Gym



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



5th Sunday Capital Improvement Fund
November 29

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

\$32,598 needed by December 31st to reach
our goal and cover the repairs of this year

October / November CALENDAR

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

Oct 1	2:00pm Widow / Widower Support 6:00pm Final Upward Practices
Oct 3	8:00am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Last Upward Games 11:30am Upward Celebration
Oct 4	Deacon meeting, after church
Oct 7	10am & 6pm next Women's Bible study starts
Oct 9-11	Women of Joy Conference trip
Oct 10	8:00am Men's Bible Study
Oct 11	12:15pm Be Our Guest visitor lunch
Oct 12-16	Shelby County Schools Fall Break
Oct 12	1:00pm Women's Missionary Union (WMU)
Oct 13	12:00pm Senior Adult (NOTPY) potluck
Oct 16	6:30pm Ladies Friday Night Fellowship
Oct 17	8:00am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 10:00am Kids Ministry Day at Mulberry Orchard
Oct 18	Day of Prayer for Associations Communion
Oct 24	8:00am Men's Bible Study
Oct 26-30	Christmas Backpack Collection Dates
Oct 31	8:00am Men's Bible Study

Nov 1	Daylight Savings Time Ends, Fall Back Day of Prayer for Persecuted Church Deacon meeting, after church 4:00pm Hayride at Rothenburger farm
Nov 2	Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer
Nov 3	Election Day
Nov 5	2:00pm Widow/Widower Support Group
Nov 7	8:00am Men's Bible Study
Nov 9	1:00pm Women's Missionary Union (WMU)
Nov 10	KBC Annual Meeting, First Baptist of Richmond
Nov 11	Veteran's Day
Nov 14	8:00am Men's Bible Study 3:00pm Celebration of Lights
Nov 16-23	Operation Christmas Child - Area Collection Dates
Nov 20	6:30pm Ladies Friday Night Fellowship
Nov 21	8:00am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
Nov 22	10:30am Communion Worship Service 6:00pm Church-Wide Thanksgiving Potluck
Nov 25-26	Office Closed - Thanksgiving
Nov 25	No Evening Service
Nov 28	No Men's Bible Study
Nov 29	Advent Season begins 5 th Sunday Capital Improvement Fund Giving
Nov 29-Dec 6	Lottie Moon Week Of Prayer

Happy Anniversary!

- Buddy & Donna Jeffries - 10/02
- Ben & Amber Burner - 10/4
- Nick & Alyssa Costello - 10/04
- Jim & Jamie Blackburn - 10/06
- Ricky & Karen Warford - 10/14
- Charlie & Sheri LeCompte - 10/15
- Michael & Rachel Griffin - 10/18
- Terry & Silvia Wilson - 10/21



Happy Anniversary!

- James & Iris Aneszko - 11/06
- Kevin & Brooke Johnson - 11/07
- Mickey & Nancy Hill - 11/08
- Britton & Maddy Bryant - 11/11
- Noel & Julie Scholl - 11/12
- Tim & Amy Babb - 11/16
- Don & Lorna Johnson - 11/17
- Don & Mary Jo Payton - 11/26



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

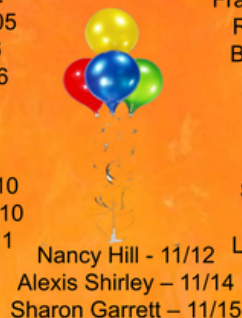
Don Payton - 10/01
Luke Yount - 10/02
Alex Babb - 10/04
Dallas King - 10/04
Sarah Slodki - 10/08
Hazel Gardner - 10/13
Debbie Rothenburger - 10/13
Jeremiah Brown - 10/17
Pam Vickers - 10/17
Caleb Scott - 10/21
Lara Tillman - 10/21



Allison Wilson - 10/22
Hannah Babb - 10/23
Rick Haven - 10/23
Zach Wood - 10/23
Jon Auten - 10/24
Drew Davis - 10/24
John Reese - 10/24
Michelle King - 10/26
Betty Turner - 10/26
Amy Rouetto - 10/27

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Charlee Shirley - 11/2
Rebecca Wilson - 11/05
Don Johnson - 11/06
Angela Owens - 11/06
Jean Snider - 11/08
Aaron Shirley - 11/9
Kevin Stith - 11/09
Jamie Blackburn - 11/10
Mary Lou Jenkins - 11/10
Connie Downey - 11/11
Noah Owens - 11/11
Simon Slodki - 11/11



Francisco Ramales - 11/15
Rocio Ramales - 11/15
Bob Thompson - 11/16
Sid Adams - 11/17
Terry Wilson - 11/17
Don Stivers - 11/22
Bill Seabolt - 11/23
Steve Stivers - 11/28
Joe Garrett - 11/29
Logan Johnson - 11/29
Henry Foss - 11/30
Nancy Hill - 11/12
Alexis Shirley - 11/14
Sharon Garrett - 11/15

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disciples by engaging
people with the
transformative gospel of
Jesus Christ.



For the glory of God alone!



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