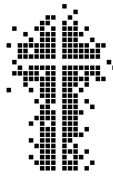


Weekly Newsletter of Highland Baptist Church



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HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

A thinking, feeling and healing community of faith

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State of the Church Report 2010

Join us this Sunday at 9:40 a.m. in Fellowship Hall for the Pastor's State of the Church address. All adult classes are cancelled this Sunday to provide an opportunity to receive the report and to consider our future together.

The report will include the presentation of a framework for Highland to use in discerning our life and work together. Times for discussion on the framework are scheduled for upcoming Sundays and Wednesdays in order to include as many as possible in the conversation.

A printed "annual and financial report" will be distributed at Sunday's gathering and made available to prospects for the coming year. Thanks to everyone for your reporting and to Kim Manasco for layout preparation.



New Deacons Ordained This Sunday, September 12

Join us this Sunday, September 12, at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary as we undertake the solemn ritual of ordaining those newly called to the ministry of the Deacon.

The service includes the blessing, or Laying on of Hands, by all present who choose to participate in this act.

Being ordained Sunday are: Mac Brown, Dan Moyers, Bill Ockerman and Kelly Young.

HBC Welcomes



Erin Biery



Corronda Lake



Lauren Ford & Jonathan Buchwald

Voices United Choir in Concert This Sunday

The *Voices United Choir*, composed of 12 students, from sub-Saharan countries in Africa along with musicians from KY Baptist Fellowship Churches, will conclude their two-week choir tour here at Highland in both our 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services this Sunday, September 12. This partnership between Kentucky Baptist Fellowship and the Protestant Church in Morocco (EEAM) has had a very successful tour throughout the state, singing nine concerts and making appearances in high schools and colleges.

Please join us for a morning of spirited and worshipful music. Come and capture their spirit and joyfulness in Christ – it is contagious!



September 11 "Honoring Sacred Texts" Marks 2001 Terrorist Attacks

As a way of honoring the victims of those attacks, and to offer a peaceful, positive alternative to a Qur'an burning ceremony in Florida an interfaith service will be held at Highland Baptist Church, this Saturday, September 11, at 11:30 a.m.

The Service will include a display of sacred texts from Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, the Baha'i Faith and other religions. The gathering will also include non-sectarian music and readings from the sacred texts by representatives of the world's great religions on topics related to peace, cooperation and mutual understanding. (continued to page 2)

Called Business Meeting

**This Wednesday,
September 8, 6:00 p.m.**

to approve funding plan
for purchase of mini-bus.



Thinking Together...

Sunday's 2010 State of the Church Report will include a framework that develops my understanding of ministry and a way to shape Highland's life together in the coming years.

This Sunday provides an opportunity to present it in overview fashion. The following two Sundays to unpack the simple framework, to flesh out its implications, and to think together about what it can mean for us.

For five Wednesdays following the presentation, we will use our adult study time to examine Bible passages related to the five dimensions of church in the outline and to explore further the implications of this framework.

Leading any church as pastor is a daunting task. Leading Highland can feel even more daunting because it is such a gem. "To whom much is given, much is required."

We are blessed with gifts of wisdom, skills, resources, sacred space. And yet we know it is all temporal and transitory, utterly dependent on God's Transforming Love to come by way of the Spirit and make it alive and vital. Let it be! ~ Joe

Verse and Voice

Verse:

So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. ~ Galatians 6: 9-10

Voice:

My voice would like to have the strength of the voice of the humble and lowly. It is a voice that denounces injustice and proclaims hope in God and humanity. For this hope is the hope of all human beings who yearn to live in communion with all persons as their brother and sisters and as children of God.

~ Adolfo Pérez Esquivel,
from his Nobel lecture

September 11 “Honoring Sacred Texts”

Marks 2001 Terrorist Attacks (continued from page 1)

This service is offered by Interfaith Paths to Peace in partnership with Highland Baptist Church and the Kentucky Baptist Fellowship. Additional sponsors include the Council of the Mid-Kentucky Presbytery, St. William Catholic Church and the Drepung Gomang Institute (Louisville’s Tibetan Buddhist organization). It is expected that the number of co-sponsors for this event will grow.

Terry Taylor, one of the organizers, explained “We want to show the world that in Louisville we don’t burn sacred books; we honor them. We may not all agree about every word written in our sacred texts, but we do honor those books and our brothers and sisters in other religions who revere them.”



Worship Care Roster Published; Children’s Worship Roster This Week

Each year, a new worship care and children’s worship roster becomes effective the first weekend of September. The worship care roster was published last week. If you did not receive it and were expecting it, please let Renee know. Appropriate updates are also currently being made to the children’s worship roster and will be published this week. Many thanks to each one of you who serves in a variety of ways throughout the year!

Training for All Children’s Volunteers and Teachers, September 19

A required training event is scheduled for Sunday, September 19, for all volunteers working with children at Highland. This includes Children’s Worship volunteers, Worship Care volunteers, Bible Study teachers and missions teachers. Mark your calendars and look for more information about specific times via email this week.

Kaleidoscope: Kentucky Baptist Fellowship Children’s Mission Day, October 23



Children in grades 1-5 are invited to join us for a day camp focused around exploring mission and growing in faith through KBF’s annual Children’s Mission Day, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., on Saturday, October 23. The event will be held at Faith Baptist Church in Georgetown, KY. Cost for the camp is \$20, and includes a t-shirt, camp materials, and lunch. This is a day of fun and learning that you do not want your child to miss! Registration is open, and payment is due at time of registration. Parent chaperones are needed and transportation will be available from Louisville to Georgetown for your child. Contact Renee to sign up today!

Children's Corner

Youth Room Wall Ready for a New Look

Suzanne Harrett, our high school girls’ mentor, veteran youth leader, and favorite interior designer, has designed a new look for the short wall immediately to your left when you walk in the Youth room. It will be uniquely personalized by each youth when they have chance to put their hand-print on the wall! We will be making the handprints right before each group leaves for their Fall Retreat. Thank you to Suzanne for heading up this project and all those who are helping her make this a reality!



Youth Help with Voices United March

The youth of Highland have been asked to assist with the Voices United for Refugees March on September 11. We need youth on Friday night at 6:30 p.m. to help fill water bottles, Saturday at 8:30 a.m. to help with registration at Buechel Park Baptist Church, and Saturday at 10:30 a.m. to help provide snacks and water at the Methodist Church on Douglass Loop. If you are able to help, please contact Ronnie Gilbert, our Youth Missions Coordinator.

Date Night for the Transformers This Friday

Just a quick reminder to the Transformers Bible Study Class that your Date Night gathering is this Friday night, September 10. Please RSVP your child(ren) with Allison Keenan by this Wednesday, September 8. Thanks!



Young Adults’ Fall Kickoff September 30

Calling all of you in the 18-35-age crowd, newbies and oldies alike! We’ve had a summer to gather in smaller groups for friendship and growth, and it’s time to get back together again for a night of fun! On Thursday night, September 30, all young adults are invited to Cherokee Park for dinner, music, fellowship, and an opportunity to mix and mingle with other young adults at Highland. If you’re interested in being part of a community group, this will be your chance to sign up for fall groups! Kids and friends are surely welcome. Hope to see YOU there!

Adult Studies on Wednesdays

For the next five Wednesdays (September 15-October 13), 6:15-7:15 p.m., adults will gather in Fellowship Hall to further explore scripture and goals concerning the vision Joe will set forth in the State of the Church address. This will be a time of dreaming, thinking together, and praying for the continued growth and mission of our church.

Beginning September 8, the Fireside Room will be open for Silent Prayer on Wednesdays, 5-5:45 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come when they can and leave when they must. The Grinstead side door will be open so you can enter the room from outside. There will be no agenda other than each person bringing their desire for quiet, their longing for God’s felt presence, and lifting the work of our church before God.





*This Week
at Highland*

Tuesday, September 7

Emma Leachman Women's Group (101) 4 p.m.
 Hope for a Brighter Day (FS)..... 5:30 p.m.
 G.R.O.W. #1 meeting (103)..... 6 p.m.

Wednesday, September 8

Silent Prayer Time (FS)5-5:45 p.m.
 Fellowship Super 5:20 p.m.
 Called Business Meeting..... 6 p.m.
 Prayer Time and Announcements6-6:15 p.m.
 Children's Activities6-7:15 p.m.
 Youth Group6-7:15 p.m.
 Adult Bible Study6:15-7:15 p.m.
 Special Needs Class6:30-7:15 p.m.
 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal7:15-8:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 9

Weight Watchers (FH)5:30-7:30 p.m.

Friday, September 10

Men's Prayer Gathering (FS) 7:45 a.m.
 Date Night for Transformers Class5-7:30 p.m.
 Friday Church (Sanctuary)7-7:45 p.m.
 Narcotics Anonymous (FH) 8 p.m.

Saturday, September 11

Preschool MG meeting (103/116)..... 10-11:30 a.m.
 Honoring Sacred Texts..... 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, September 12

Voices United Choir Perform during both services
 Early Worship 9 a.m.
 Fellowship Time (FH).....9:20-9:40 a.m.
 State of the Church Address (FH) 9:40 a.m.
 Bible Study..... 9:40 a.m.
 Morning Worship..... 11 a.m.
 Ministry Planning Team (FH) 12:30 pm.
 Deacons Ordination/Installation Service..... 6 p.m.

Monday, September 13

Men's 12-step program - Healthy Sexuality
 G.R.O.W. #2 meeting (101)..... 11 a.m.
 Finance MG meeting (103)..... 6 p.m.
 Basics of Bridge (FH) 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 14

Hope for a Brighter Day (FS)..... 5:30 p.m.

Senior Adults Trip, Saturday, September 18

Join us as we travel to Glendale to have lunch at the Whistle Stop Cafe! We will meet in the church parking lot and depart promptly at 10:30 a.m. Please contact Christopher Schmidt or Kristie Linde for reservations.



Highland Book Club

The book club will read Little Dorrit by Charles Dickens. We'll meet on Sunday, September 26, 7 p.m. at the home of Mary and Noah Cooksey. Everyone is welcome! For October, we will read The Glass Castle by Jeanette Walls.



Walk Like a Refugee

A "Voices United for Refugees" walk to raise awareness about the plight of sub-Saharan refugees in Africa and how Kentuckians can respond will be held this Saturday, September 11.

The walk of 4.5 miles will start 9 a.m. at Buechel Park Baptist Church, 2403 Hikes Lane, and end at Highland Baptist Church, 1101 Cherokee Road. (A shorter option of 1.5 miles will start from St. Paul's United Methodist Church at 10:15.)

"There are approximately 20,000 African refugees fleeing war and economic devastation in Africa who have come to Morocco, overwhelming resources there. A walk is the perfect medium for raising awareness about refugees," says organizer Karen Thomas Smith, a Kentuckian serving with the Protestant Church in Morocco. "Most refugees flee their countries on foot, with only the belonging they can carry. Some of them walk, literally, thousands of miles across the African continent."

March organizers hope Louisvillians will be inspired to think globally and act both locally, assisting refugees through Kentucky Refugee Ministries or Catholic Charities, and globally, contributing to development and relief efforts in Morocco and elsewhere in Africa. All proceeds will be divided between Kentucky Refugee Ministries and the Refugee Ministry Committee of the Protestant Church in Morocco.

Middle School Fall Retreat This Weekend

This weekend, twenty-seven middle school youth will head to Camp Loucon for our 2010 Middle School Fall Retreat! This is the first year that we are having two separate fall retreats because of the growing size of our youth group. At the retreat, our middle school youth will explore three important questions...

Where am I? Who am I? Whose am I? Youth will be challenged to become aware of the world around them, identify their personal gifts and limitations, and come to trust in the God who is alive, active, and calling them to trust, respond, and serve! All participants need to be in the parking lot at Highland at 4:45 p.m. on Friday, September 10. We will be back to Highland by 8:30 p.m. on Saturday night. We ask for your prayers as we seek to say "Here I Am" and offer our whole lives to God.

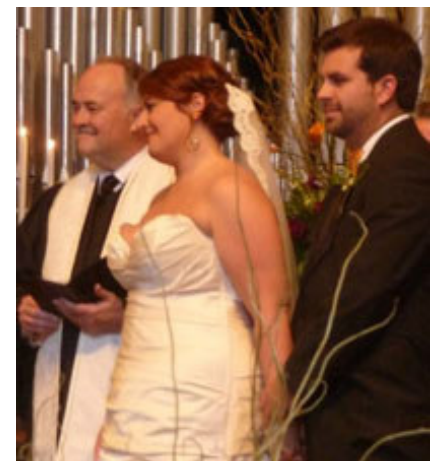


Around Highland...

... HBC's Youth put together coloring books this past week to send with Dawn Lee and Colleen Burroughs (co-founder and vice president of PASSPORT, Inc.) on their trip to Malawi this week. These coloring books will be educational tools for children at the schools and orphanages where they will visit to place wells and latrines.

... Pat Ramsey's poem, *To a Dancing God*, was published by the Wayne E. Oates Institute. You may read it at <http://journal.oates.org/current/articles/290-ramsey08-25-10>.

... We are sad to report that former HBC member, Tim Maddox, died while teaching a class in Abilene, Texas, where Tim was on faculty at Hardin-Simmons University. Tim and Alana were active members while Tim finished his Ph.D. at Southern.



Emily and Josh (and Emily's father, Dr. David Hull) listen to a scripture reading at their wedding last Saturday. Emily will now go by Emily Hull McGee. Congratulations to the happy couple!

This Week's Deacons	
Friday 7:00	
Libby Cunningham	Grundy Janes
Sunday 9:00	
Bill Campbell	Terri Connolly
Grundy Janes	John Pacyga
Sunday 11:00	
Kathy Belcher	Rebecca Brown
Libby Cunningham	Jan Forren (C)

Upcoming Events at Highland

- September 10-11: Middle School Fall Retreat
- September 12: State of the Church Address; Deacon Ordination/Installation
- September 24-26: High School Fall Retreat
- October 9: Highland Thanksgiving for the Animals Service
- October 10: Congregational Conversation