



Building Relationships with Christ, One Another, and the World

The Highland Evangel (USPS 243960) is published weekly except for the week of the Fourth of July, Thanksgiving and Christmas by the HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH 3400 27th Street, Meridian MS 39305. Telephone—601.482.0191 www.highlandbaptist.net Periodical postage paid at Meridian, MS. POSTMASTER: send address changes to The Highland Evangel, 3400 27th Street, Meridian, MS 39305.



May 12  
May 13  
May 14  
May 15  
May 16  
May 17  
May 18

Obadiah 1, Psalm 128  
Jonah 1-4, Psalm 129  
Micah 1-4, Psalm 130  
Micah 5-7, Psalm 131  
Nahum 1-3, Psalm 132  
Habakkuk 1-3, Psalm 133  
Zephaniah 1-3, Psalm 134



**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS May 12**  
**Britt and Amy McCarty**  
**Kawana, Aubrey & Alllyn McCarty**



Building Relationships with Christ, One Another, and the World

Volume 65

May 12, 2024

Number 18

**SUNDAY, MAY 12**

Deacon's Meeting 8:00 AM  
Sunday School 9:00-9:45 AM  
Morning Worship 10:00-11:00 AM

**Our High School Graduates**

Hamilton Carr, Carrie Campbell, Cale Carson  
Rylee Hailey, Andrew McCarty, Ian Turner  
Men's Bible Study (Ephesians) led by 5:00 PM  
Paul Allen in the College Sunday School Class

**MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY Adult Exercise at 8:30 AM**

**TUESDAY, MAY 14**

BBQ & Bingo at the Highland House 5:30 PM  
Men's Bible Study led by Chad Casey 6:00 PM  
in Sylvia Gambill's Sunday School Class

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 15**

- Men's Bible Study at Dr. Britt McCarty's office at 5:30 AM  
- Precept Bible Study  
- Family Night Supper at 5:00 PM  
MENU: Spaghetti, French Bread, Salad, Dessert  
CHILDREN'S MENU: Chicken Nuggets or Hot Dogs  
- Kidz WOW at 5:45 PM  
- Youth Worship at 5:45 PM  
- Prayer Meeting at 6:00 PM  
- Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 PM

**SUNDAY, MAY 19**

Ordination Service for Michael Torres in the Morning Worship Service

**FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF CHURCH ADMINISTRATION...**

**God Does Not Offer a Retirement Plan**

**Spiritual Growth**

David's article last week concerning spiritual growth made me think about retirement and how that applies to our Christian lives. I very much enjoy my retirement from Monsanto and the Mississippi Department of Finance & Administration, but I have not found biblical mention of a spiritual retirement.

**Christian Retirement**

This side of heaven, God does not offer a retirement plan. We are all given spiritual gifts for the purpose of glorifying God and advancing His kingdom. It is my opinion that spiritual gifts can change over time, but we are still expected to use them. Let me offer a few examples.

**Abraham**

Both Abraham and Sarah were "well past their prime" when they began a family which eventually became "too numerous to count".

**Caleb**

Caleb was in his 80's after Israel completed the 40-year banishment to the wilderness after their disobedience concerning the promise land. When given his choice, Caleb asked for the "higher ground", and was successful in conquering the assigned territory.

**Paul**

Paul would have to be the biblical equivalent of the "Energizer Bunny". He wrote much of the New Testament, had extensive missionary journeys and **ministered in prison.**

**Examples At HBC**

There have been and are many examples of Christians who have not retired. Let me offer a few examples that I am aware of.

- Mary Aycock...
  - o called her class members regularly
  - o made and delivered fudge to those at home or in care facilities
  - o shared books with others
- Elliott & Fran Fleming
  - o assist the choir by arranging music every week
  - o send cards to members
- The Wednesday Night Supper crew
  - o plan menus and cook
  - o serve meals
  - o assists cooks
  - o clean up

I know that there are many other examples, but I have personally seen and know about what has been listed. Don't retire.

**"AND THE LORD ADDED UNTO HIS CHURCH..."**

**BY STATEMENT:** Cameron O'Neil

**BY BAPTISM:** Raven O'Neil

756 Ewen Road, 39305

985.788.1088/985.788.9678

Deacon: Todd Vick



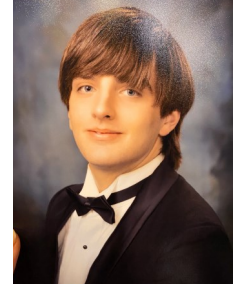
**Congratulations**  
**CLASS OF 2024**



**Hamilton Carr**  
YCA



**Carrie Campbell**  
Clarkdale



**Cale Carson**  
Southeast



**Rylee Hailey**  
Lamar



**Andrew McCary**  
Northeast



**Ian Turner**  
Lamar

**OUR COLLEGE GRADUATES**

Liberty University David Hopkins (Doctor of Ministry, Church Revitalization)

Meridian Community College Allyn Grace McCary (Nursing)

Mississippi College William McCarty (Administration of Justice)

Mississippi State University Aubrey McCary (Education Psychology)

University of Mississippi Medical Center School of Health Related Professions in Physical Therapy Julia McCarty

**CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO:**

...Mrs. Kristina Roberson in the death of her grandmother.

...Mrs. Heather Carr and family in the death of her grandmother.

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT MAY 5, 2024**

Giving to budget to date	\$340,140.44	SUNDAY SCHOOL	238
Giving to budget (4-29/5-5)	\$31,409.08	WORSHIP	282