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**DAILY BIBLE READING**

<b>October 13</b>	<b>Acts 17-18, Psalm 127</b>
<b>October 14</b>	<b>Acts 19-20, Psalm 128</b>
<b>October 15</b>	<b>Acts 21-22, Psalm 129</b>
<b>October 16</b>	<b>Acts 23-24, Psalm 130</b>
<b>October 17</b>	<b>Acts 25-26, Psalm 131</b>
<b>October 18</b>	<b>Acts 27-28, Psalm 132</b>
<b>October 19</b>	<b>Romans 1-2, Psalm 133</b>

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS October 18**  
*Cheryl Bowles, Wanda Ola  
 Rick and Fran Snowden*

**MARGARETSTATE  
 LACKEYOFFERING**  
 MISSISSIPPIANS ON MISSION  
**OUR GOAL - \$3,000 GIVEN TO DATE - \$3,756**




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## Coming Up!

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13**

Deacon's Meeting	8:00 AM
Sunday School (Growth Groups)	9:00-9:45 AM
Morning Worship	10:00-11:00 AM
Men's Bible Study (Ephesians) led by Paul Allen in the College Sunday School Class	5:00 PM
Night of Worship	6:00 PM

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

### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15**

- **Brunch and Bible Study at 10:AM**
- Men's Bible Study led by Chad Casey 6:00 PM  
 in Sylvia Gambill's Sunday School Class

### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16**

- 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: Chili, Baked Potatoes, Salad, Dessert CHILDREN'S MENU: Chicken Nuggets or Hot Dogs  
 Please help us by making your reservations (on a permanent basis or week to week) or canceling your reservation no later than Monday of each week. Take out plates must have a reservation and be picked up by going through the serving line.
- Kidz WOW Large Group in the Choir Suite at 5:30 PM
- Kidz Praise at 6:00 PM/ Bible Study at 6:30 PM
- Youth Prayer Meeting
- Wednesday Night Bible Study and Small Groups at 6:00 PM
- Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 PM

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18** Senior Adult Wiener Roast at the home of Chad and Sheila West at 5:00 PM

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20** Youth Open Gym 5:00-7:00 pm  
 LBA Fall Meeting and Worship at Midway Baptist Church at 6:30 pm

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

This article has two purposes. The first is to let you know that we publish a weekly blog based on the sermon on Sunday. The second is to furnish this week's blog.

“From Darkness to Light: A Journey of Redemption

Have you ever felt like you were stuck in a place so dark that you couldn't see a way out? Maybe you've wondered if there's any hope for someone who's made a mess of their life. You're not alone. Many of us have been there, feeling lost and overwhelmed by our past mistakes. But here's the good news: no matter how far you've strayed, there's always a path back to the light. This is a story of transformation, a testament to the power of faith and the incredible things God can do in our lives when we surrender to Him.

The story of Jonah is a familiar one. He was a prophet who ran from God's call, only to find himself in the belly of a great fish. It was there, in the depths of despair, that Jonah cried out to God and was given a second chance. Similarly, the sermon shared a powerful testimony of a life transformed by God's grace. It began with a childhood marked by violence and dysfunction, leading to a path of anger, crime, and ultimately, imprisonment. But even in the darkest moments, God was at work, whispering hope and redemption.

The turning point came in a prison cell, where the realization of becoming the very person he despised led to a heartfelt cry for help. It was there that the Bible became a source of comfort and guidance, revealing a Father who had been waiting all along. The journey from anger and violence to peace and purpose was not easy, but it was made possible through the love and support of others, the transformative power of education, and a newfound relationship with God.

This story is a reminder that no one is beyond redemption. No matter how far you've fallen, God's love is greater. He can take the broken pieces of your life and create something beautiful. The key is to open your heart to Him, to seek His wisdom, and to allow His love to guide you.

So, what can you do today to start your journey of transformation? Begin by acknowledging where you are and where you want to be. Spend time in prayer, asking God to reveal His plan for your life. Surround yourself with people who will support and encourage you. And most importantly, immerse yourself in God's Word, allowing it to shape and mold you into the person He created you to be.

The point is, Jesus wants your whole heart. What will you do this week to give it to Him? Will you take the first step towards a new beginning, trusting that God can turn your life around? Remember, if you don't take that step, you might miss out on the incredible things He has in store for you.

Let's pray: Heavenly Father, thank You for Your endless love and grace. We ask for Your guidance as we seek to transform our lives and follow the path You have set before us. Help us to trust in Your plan and to open our hearts to Your wisdom. May we find strength in Your Word and courage in Your presence. In Jesus' name, Amen.”

**TRUNK or TREAT  
CANDY  
Donations**

COLLECTION BINS ARE LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE CHURCH!

**Night of Worship at  
Highland  
October 13 @ 6pm**

**Led by choirs from Highland,  
FBC Union, Russell Baptist, FBC Newton,  
Hopewell Baptist, Clarke Venable,  
Northcrest, and Westwood**

**“AND THE LORD ADDED UNTO HIS CHURCH....”**

**BY BAPTISM:**

**Cliff Battles (pictured with David Hopkins and Drew Calhoun)**

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**Deacon: Jason Franklin**



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

**...the family of Mrs. Joyce Fanning.**

**...Mrs. Janice Jacobs and Mrs. Katie Odom and family in the death of their brother and uncle.**

**HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH MEMORIAL  
IN MEMORY OF MRS. JOYCE FANNING BY: Highland Baptist Church**

<b>STEWARDSHIP REPORT OCTOBER 6, 2024</b>			
Giving to budget to date	822,707.12	SUNDAY SCHOOL	227
Giving to budget (9-30/10-6)	30,176.52	WORSHIP	254