



## ***The Weekly Newsletter of Highland Baptist Church January 30, 2024***

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### **Black History Month**

Highland Baptist invites you to celebrate Black History Month this year. The Anti-Racism Team will lead us in learning more about Black excellence throughout the month of February.

- Be sure to follow the church's social media channels on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for a daily post that will highlight a moment, event, or African American person in an informative, joy-filled way.
- Our worship will rely on Black composers for the choral anthems, prelude organ music, and postludes.
- On Wednesdays February 21 and 28 there will be a viewing and discussion of Bryan Stevenson's faith-based lecture this past summer to a group of pastors and religious leaders in the United Church of Christ. Stevenson founded the Equal Justice Initiative, the Legacy Museum, and the Peace and Justice Memorial in Montgomery, AL.

We do well to be intentional about educating ourselves further this month in our quest to be good neighbors to our siblings of color. For more information about the church's Anti-Racism Team or to join us, please contact Missy Smith at [vanceandmissy@gmail.com](mailto:vanceandmissy@gmail.com).

*~ Lauren Jones Mayfield*

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## Quarterly Church Conference this Sunday

Please join us for our Quarterly Church Conference on Zoom at 4:00 PM this Sunday, February 4. We will hear a detailed report from our Finance Ministry Group on how we ended 2023 and their thoughts for 2024, an update on the Sacred Space campaign and work, and vote on incoming lay leadership positions for 2024. You will receive a more detailed agenda and Zoom link via email on Friday.

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## Highland Welcomes New Member



**Evan Jacoby joined on Sunday, January 28**

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## Highlights Class Recap

The New Members Ministry Group, ministers, and several deacons from the welcoming care team served lunch to thirty Highland new members and visitors this past Sunday. It was a lovely occasion of hospitality, meeting-and-greeting new folks in our midst, and learning and celebrating together what makes Highland unique.

Folks from all walks of life shared that what brings them to this faith family varies widely; from a need for community, a way to serve and better the world, a place to ask questions and abide in mystery, LGBTQ+ acceptance and inclusion, and to rest in the joy of togetherness.

If you need a refresher on our Highland vernacular, or maybe you would like to hear again the four Baptist Freedoms, or see some fun facts about our staff, we invite you to review the [informational packet](#) that we shared with one another at the class.

For all the ways that God empowers us to new welcome and delight in one another, together we

say, Thanks be to God.

~ Lauren Jones Mayfield

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**Cancellation policy:** If Jefferson County Schools are closed or using NTI due to inclement weather, the Cream of Crop activity or luncheon will be cancelled.

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## **Keith Stillwell to Visit Mission-Minded Women on February 5**

All are invited to hear about Dr. Keith Stillwell's work in Appalachia. Keith received his Master's of Divinity from the Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville in 1988 and his Doctor of Ministry from the Baptist Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia in 2000. He is the Together for Hope

regional vice president for Appalachia. He is author of *Being a Disciple Community*. Keith will be with us on February 5 at 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

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## Habitat for Humanity Spring House Build



Highland is looking for volunteers to help with the upcoming Habitat for Humanity Baptist Build. Together we will work with other local churches to construct a new home near Cane Run Road. The dates are March 7-9. We normally work from 8:00-2:00, and lunch will be provided. No experience is required. You may help any day that fits your schedule. If interested, contact [Larry Hoover](#).

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## Honoring Martin Luther King, Jr. at Friday Church - This Week!

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Friday Church will be hosting Duane Nathaniel. He will deliver Mr. King's "I Have A Dream" speech on Friday, February 2 at the 7:00 PM service. This was rescheduled due to our recent inclement weather.



If you have heard Duane deliver this speech before, I'm sure you will want to be there. If you

haven't heard him - you will be in for a very moving experience. We hope to see you there.

~ Becky Smith

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**Wednesday Night Suppers have resumed!** Dinner begins at 5:20 PM and children's choirs and youth activities begin at 6:00 PM. Adult programming begins at 6:15 PM.

**Prices are \$12 for adults, \$6 for children (age 4-11), with a family max of \$35.** Children below three years and below eat for free.

**Reservations and cancellations are due by noon on Friday each week.** [Sign up here](#) to reserve your spot. Payments can be made via cash or check as you arrive, but we also encourage paying ahead [here](#) (Note: those with standing reservations can make payments for the whole month (or more!).

Any changes to reservations can be made by emailing [Paul](#) or [Kathleen](#) or calling the Highland Baptist office at 451-3735. If you are in a season of financial hardship that makes paying difficult, you can speak to any of the ministers about assistance for Wednesday Night Supper.

**Menu for January 31:** Hamburger Pasta / Salad / Green Beans / Dessert

## Upcoming Menus:

February 7 Baked Fish / Mixed Veggies / Wild Rice / Salad / Dessert

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- February 2 MLK's "I Have a Dream" speech by Duane Nathaniel at Friday Church, 7:00 PM
- February 4 Quarterly Church Conference at 4:00 PM via Zoom
- February 5 Keith Stillwell speaks with Mission-Minded Women, 4:00 PM
- February 11 Church-Wide Celebration of *Hard and Holy Work* book release
- February 13 Cream of the Crop Potluck "Agape" Meal at 12:00 Noon
- February 14 Ash Wednesday - The Season of Lent Begins
- March 7-9 Habitat for Humanity Spring House Build
- March 8-10 Women's Retreat at Loretto; contact [Ginger Miller](#) for more information
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### **Streaming Worship Links**

Here are the links to stream the worship services each week at Highland. Please bookmark them since they remain the same from week-to-week!



**Sunday, 11:15 AM**

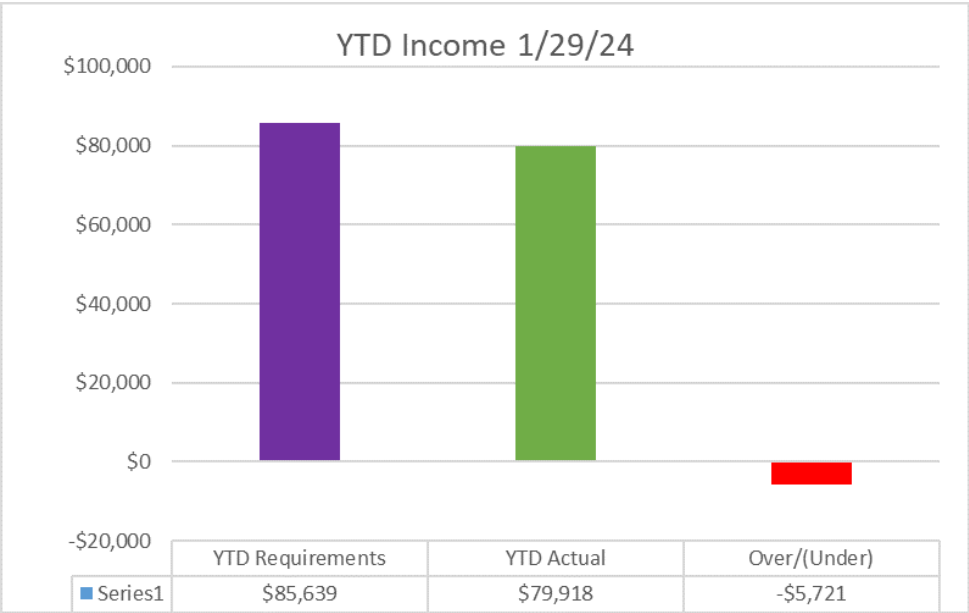
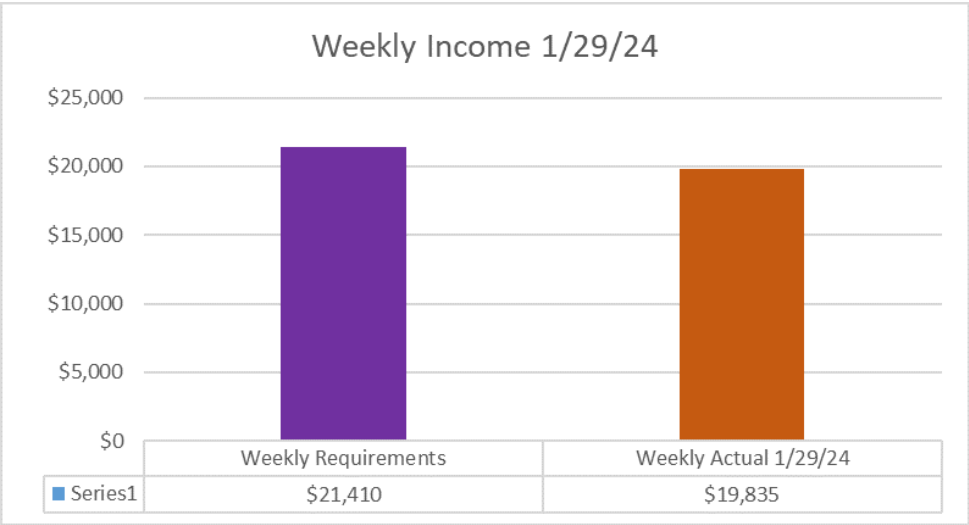
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<https://www.youtube.com/@highlandbaptist>

**Friday, 7:00 PM**

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## **Financial Reports**



To make a donation from your phone, text "give2hbc" to 502-747-1212



and open the link.

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## Louisville Homicides

Please join us in prayer and action as we remember those who have been killed in recent weeks in our city. We grieve with those who mourn, while we also maintain a hope that one day, all things will be made new.

- Victor Jones, 43, killed on January 18
  - Chad Smith, Sr., 38, killed on January 21
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