



## ***The Weekly Newsletter of Highland Baptist Church May 14, 2024***

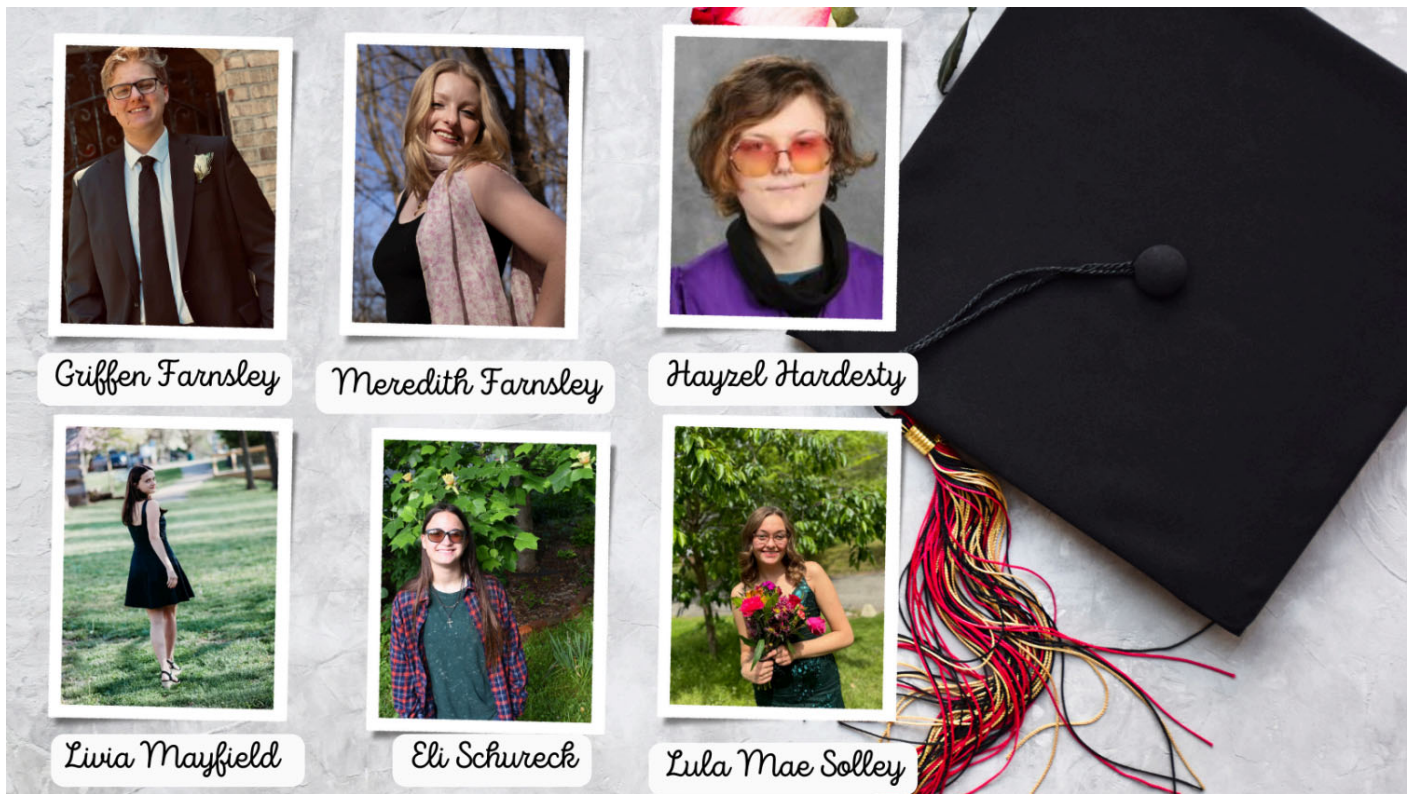
**A reminder that we have no heat or air conditioning  
in the Sanctuary or Fellowship Hall. Pay attention to the weather  
to help you know how to dress appropriately for worship,  
adult Bible study, and Wednesday night activities!**

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### **Congratulations to our High School Graduates!**

We all have important milestones we either look forward to or remember in our lives. This Sunday, we will celebrate an important milestone for six of our youth: their high school graduation. During the 11:15 AM worship service, we will recognize and say a blessing over our graduating high school seniors. Many of these graduates have been around Highland since they were born!

One important thing I always make sure to tell our graduates and the church as a whole is that this is not goodbye! This is not graduating church. Highland has been and will continue to be a community of love and support for each of our graduates even as many of them leave Louisville for college or career.



Our 2024 graduates are pictured above: Griffen Farnsley, Meredith Farnsley, Hayzel Hardesty, Livia Mayfield, Eli Schureck, and Lula Mae Solley. If you have a moment and would like to share a note for these amazing youth, please consider writing a card or a note and getting those to me and I will make sure our graduates get them.

Thank you all so much for your love and support of all our youth, but especially these that we recognize and honor on Sunday!

*~ Justin Sizemore*

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Around Highland  
on May 12



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**Welcoming Rev. Dr. Lynn Brinkley for CBF Global Missions Month**



As part of our month-long emphasis on CBF Global Missions, this week we will welcome Rev. Dr. Lynn Brinkley to preach at Highland. Lynn grew up in Fayetteville, NC. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from North Carolina State University, a Master of Science in Criminal Justice from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, a Master of Divinity degree from Campbell University Divinity School, and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in South Hamilton, MA and just recently, she earned a second Doctor of Ministry degree from Howard University School of Divinity in Washington, DC.

Lynn recently accepted a new call to serve with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship as the Pan African Koinonia Ministry Coordinator. She has also served as the Associate Director of Baptist Women in Ministry (2020-2024). Prior to that, she served for 13 years as Director of Church, Alumni, and Student Relations at Campbell University Divinity School where she remains as an adjunct instructor.

Lynn is an ordained Baptist minister at First Baptist Church in Fayetteville. She serves as the immediate past chair of the executive committee for Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty based in Washington, DC and the Commission on Race and Gender for the Baptist World Alliance. She is regularly called upon to preach and teach in churches of diverse denominations across the United States, and we are thrilled to welcome her to Highland this week!

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## Highland Welcomes New Members



**Susan Lockwood and Bruce Landis joined May 12, 2024**

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## **Children's Choirs Spring Concert This Sunday**

Please join us on Sunday, May 19, 6:00 PM for a beautiful spring evening of music provided by Highland's Children's Choirs ranging in age from walking toddlers through the fifth grade. Four choirs gather weekly on Wednesday evenings and fill the second floor with sounds of singing, movement, and playing of instruments.





This well-loved yearly service concludes a year of music making and gives our young musicians the opportunity to share their talents and skills. Please invite family and friends and also share the news that this service will be live streamed on Highland's [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) accounts. Everyone is invited to enjoy popsicles on the playground following the program!

~ Kathy Collier

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## **Celebrating Lauren Jones Mayfield**

We look forward to celebrating Lauren Jones Mayfield on Sunday, June 2 and sharing our gratitude for her 8 years of ministry at Highland. There will be a church-wide reception after the 11:15 worship service that morning. As a way to express our thanks, we invite you to consider bringing a note, a Carmichael's gift card, and/or a monetary donation for Lauren to attend a spiritual retreat in the coming year. Any monetary donations can be given online and/or through the church offering and designated as a "Gift for Lauren." You're also invited to wear your favorite social justice t-shirt in celebration of Lauren's ministry!

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## **Come Hear the "Four Rs and Friends" Concert!**

On Wednesday, May 22, the HBC Orchestra will present their spring concert at 6:00 PM in the sanctuary. The title of the concert is "Four Rs and Friends" (that's the letter R), and you'll have to attend to learn what that means!



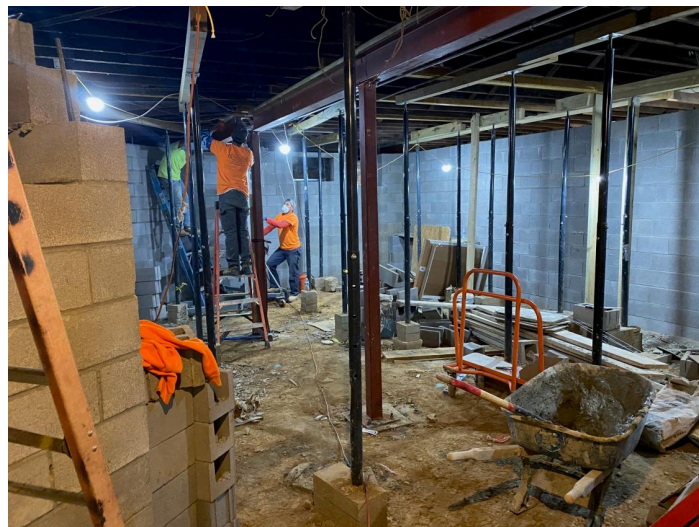
The concert is, of course, free and open to all, so invite your friends and family and come for a wide range of instrumental music — and possibly a video presentation as well!

~ Bruce Maples

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## Sacred Space Project Update

For weeks you've seen pictures of demolition occurring inside the building in preparation for the installation of new HVAC hardware. We've reached the point where we're beginning to see the addition of some of the mechanical gear that's a part of the new geothermal system. First, a look at the room that is being constructed underneath the sanctuary chancel and the first few rows of pews. Once this cinderblock room is completed, the contractors will begin bringing in the hardware that will service the sanctuary. That's right, this room is beneath the sanctuary.



In the rooms that used to house the boilers and pumps of the old HVAC system, mechanical systems and pipes are being installed. It's a wonderful and amazing thing to see these old spaces (located behind the women's restroom near the Fireside Room) come to life again. Both of these images are in the old boiler room.



~ Walter McWhorter



## OFFERING FOR GLOBAL MISSIONS

BECAUSE **PRESENCE** MATTERS

May is the month for our Global Missions emphasis and we are collecting an Offering for Global Missions. 100% of this offering goes to support the long-term presence of Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) field personnel serving in the United States and around the world. Highland's Global Mission Team has set a goal of \$10,000 this year. These funds support over 50 field personnel working in over 18 countries who are cultivating community and doing transformative work both locally and globally. [Click here](#) to see how your offerings will be used.

Please consider supporting CBF missions and our global and national partnerships "Because Presence Matters." You may give online on the Highland Baptist Church website or by check, noting Missions Offering on the memo line.



## Presentation and Conversation Regarding Israel and Palestine

The Anti-Racism Team invites you to attend this class on Wednesday, May 15 at 6:15 PM in the Fellowship Hall, which will continue our discussion of the war and conflict in Palestine and Israel.



This Wednesday, Amy Shir, a local social and economic justice activist who helped organize Jewish Louisvillians for Peace following the Hamas attack on Israelis October 7th, 2023 will lead our time together. She has been to Israel four times. She studied in Jerusalem her junior year of college, toured extensively in the West Bank/Palestine, worked in a battered women's shelter in Haifa and lived on a beautiful Kibbutz on the Mediterranean Sea.

Amy will discuss being Jewish and (historically) a Zionist while being completely critical of Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu, his war cabinet and Hamas. Amy will make a distinction between being against this horrific war in Gaza, being against the oppression of Palestinians, being against Jewish settlements in Palestine, and being antisemitic. Amy will speak for herself only, as she does not represent any organization or cause – except for peace and liberation of Palestinians and Israelis.

*~ Lauren Jones Mayfield*

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## Care Partners Have Begun Meeting

A group of Care Partners have begun to meet every other Saturday to learn from and offer encouragement to one another. If you are living with a debilitating disease or chronic illness, or if you are a caregiver of someone who is, you are invited to join us for our next meeting on Saturday, May 25 at 11:00 AM. For more information, please contact Doris Hornbuckle at 502-599-2206 or [email her here](#). Thanks!



On June 7, Highland will join with other churches and the community to go out and cheer on the Racing Louisville Soccer Club for their annual Pride Night! The game will start at 8:00 PM. A huge thank you to our own Alan Spade for helping set up this event. You can buy your tickets directly through Racing Louisville at [THIS LINK](#) for the Highland Baptist section! Cost per ticket is \$21.20 (including a service fee). If you have questions about this event, please email [Justin Sizemore](#).

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## Cream of the Crop News

### Mary Miller Boat Cruise for Senior Adults on June 20 from 12:00 - 2:00 PM

Come join us for an Ohio River cruise and luncheon! **We need your confirmation and payment by next Monday, May 20!**

We'll leave on the church bus from the church at 11:15 AM. You can drive yourself to 131 W. River Road but there will be a charge for parking (pay by cash/card at the pay station).

The Cruise price is \$37 per person and can be paid via the church website (please mark it for the Mary Miller Cruise) or by check to the church office.

Please RSVP also to either [JoAnne Taheri](#), (502) 387-4785 or [David Wells](#). **You'll need to specify your lunch choice:** Homemade pimento cheese, Bluegrass chicken salad, Classic BLT, Greek Vegetable Wrap (Veggie), Club Croissant, or Peanut Butter and Jelly **and whether you're going on the bus or driving yourself.**

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**Join us for Wednesday Night Supper - last one until August!** 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 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.

**This Week's Menu (last one until August!):**

May 15 Buffalo Chicken Pasta / Green Beans & Corn / Salad / Dessert

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- May 19 Children's Choir Recognition (6:00 PM), Popsicles on the Playground (7:00 PM)
- May 22 Spring Orchestra Concert (6:00 PM)
- June 2 Lauren Jones Mayfield's Last Sunday in Worship and Celebration of Ministry
- June 6 Drag Revival: A Family-Friendly Spiritual Night of Music and Joy (Highlands Community Ministries)
- June 7 Racing Louisville Game (Lynn Family Stadium, 8:00 PM)

- June 15      Kentuckiana PRIDE Parade and Festival (NULU and Waterfront Park,  
Parade begins at 12:00 PM)
- July 21      Party with your Pastors (Purtlebaugh House, 4:00-5:30 PM)
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**Sunday, 11:15 AM**

<https://www.facebook.com/hbclouisville.org>  
<https://www.youtube.com/@highlandbaptist>

**Friday, 7:00 PM**

<https://www.facebook.com/hbclouisville.org>

**Streaming  
Worship  
Links**



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## Donating to Highland

To make a donation from your phone, text "give2hbc" to 502-747-1212  
and open the link or use the QR code below.



## 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.

- Lorrie Hayden, 53, killed April 27
  - James Jones, 80, killed April 27
  - Darren Hickson, 39, killed May 3
  - Jeffrey Wilson, 29, killed May 4
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