



The Weekly Newsletter of Highland Baptist Church August 13, 2024

Change To This Sunday's Schedule, August 18

With the travel and parking challenges anticipated by this weekend's Ironman Triathlon, and with ongoing challenges related to the new HVAC system, we are altering this Sunday's schedule.

There will be NO Bible Study Classes, and there will be ONE worship service at 10:15 AM in Fellowship Hall. We will livestream the worship service as usual.

For those who plan to attend worship in-person, there are two things to be aware of. One is that LMPD will be directing traffic across the race route and depending on the number of runners and the number of cars attempting to cross the route you will need to add 15 to 30 minutes to your drive time to the church. The second note is that there is no parking on Cherokee Road (or any other street that is part of the race route). We assume that some of our neighbors may park in our lots on Sunday, so parking may be tight. Please plan accordingly, and thank you for your flexibility with us as we continue to adjust schedules this summer!

~ Your Church Staff

A Place for Everyone

ALL ARE WELCOME!



Join us Wednesday night, August 21
as we begin a new year of learning and growing together!

School is back in session, temperatures are a little cooler, and the return of Fall programming is upon us. Wednesday evening activities return on August 21 and specific details for each activity can be found below in this week's newsletter. Please note there is also child care available for infants and non-walking toddlers from 5:45-7:15 PM. We hope you will join us as there is a place for everyone!

~ Lauren Blackwell

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinners



Meal costs are \$10 per person, \$5 for children, with a maximum of \$25 per family. We encourage you to take advantage of this great opportunity for intergenerational fellowship! We also welcome volunteers to assist with food prep and setup, making desserts, or cleanup. **Contact [Kathy Belcher](#) if you can help or want more information.**

It is important that we have accurate numbers of folks who plan to attend each week. Please make your reservations by Monday at 12:00 Noon for that week's meal. You can either make standing reservations or make them weekly by emailing [Kathleen Gordon](#) or calling her at the church office, 502-451-3735.

August Menus:

August 21: Pizza / Mixed Green Salad / Dessert / Coffee, Tea, Milk, and Water

August 28: Fried Chicken / Baked Chicken / Mashed Potatoes / Green Beans / Mixed Green Salad / Hawaiian Rolls / Dessert / Coffee, Tea, Milk, and Water

Thanks,
~ Wednesday Night Dinner Team

Children's Choirs Resume on Wednesday, August 21!



It's time to fill Highland's second floor with the sounds of children playing! From walking toddlers holding the hand of a parent to the confidence of a fifth grader remembering past music skills, our top floor holds the high energy, movement, noise, and music making from both children and adults each Wednesday, 6:00-7:15 p.m. Come and join in the fun!

Fliers have been sent to families but if you didn't receive yours, please contact [Kathy Collier](#), Children's Choir Coordinator, for all the important information and mark your calendars for Wednesday, August 21, 6:00 p.m. All are welcome!

Cloud of Witness Returns

Our Cloud of Witness series returns on our first Wednesday night back, August 21! Our speakers for the evening are Lula Reynolds, Susan Lockwood, and Richard Ryan. Please join us as we gather for the 38th session of this program getting to know our fellow saints-in-progress together.

~ Bob Cunningham

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsals Resume



Highland's Sanctuary Choir kicks off our rehearsal schedule on Wednesday evening, August 21 at 7:15 PM. Our Sanctuary Choir is open to all singers over the age of 18 and is the primary leader of music in the 8:45 AM and 11:15 AM Sunday services. If you have previously sung in a choir and have a love for music, you are encouraged to join us as we lead in worship!

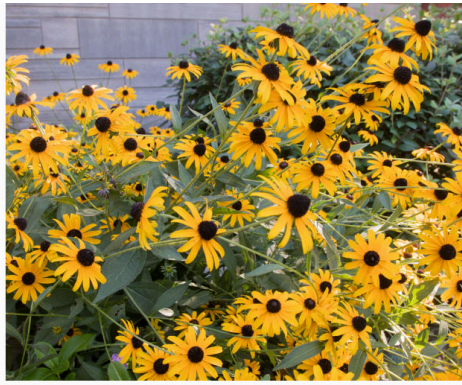
~ Paul Henderson

Wednesday Night Youth Gatherings

On Wednesday evenings, from 6:00-7:15 PM, our youth (6th-12th grade) will gather in the Youth Commons for a time of games, fellowship, snacks, and a short devotional. As we kick off a new school year, our youth are going to look at Micah 6:8 and talk about Doing Justice, Loving Kindness, and Walking Humbly. It is going to be such a great time together and you won't want to miss it!

For the rest of our church family, there is a way you can be involved in Wednesday Night Youth Gatherings as well. If you would like to donate some snacks for our Wednesday gatherings or would be interested in volunteering with Youth on Wednesday nights, please contact [Justin Sizemore](#).

~ Justin Sizemore



Around Highland
on August 11



Procter Eubank Nominated to Serve as Honor Deacon



When the deacons met in July, one of our tasks was to nominate our next Honor Deacon. We were looking for someone who has served at least two full terms as Deacon, and shown exemplary leadership, service, Christian maturity, and wisdom over a period of at least 15 years having a profound impact on the life of Highland.

The deacons are pleased to announce our recommendation for Honor Deacon: Procter Eubank. Procter began attending Highland in 1950, when he was just two years old. Procter was baptized in 1958 at the age of 10. Procter graduated from Atherton High School and Western Kentucky University. He is also a former statistician for the U.S. Census Bureau. Procter has served EIGHT terms as deacon and has served as chair of deacons twice. Procter is also an active member of the Senior Adults (also known as The Cream of the Crop) and has served the church in numerous other ways as well, including serving on various ministry groups as well as being a greeter. Procter, thank you for all you have given to Highland!

On Wednesday evening, August 21, those who are gathered at 5:45 PM will enter a Called Business Meeting to affirm the recommendation of the Deacon body that the church name Procter Eubank as an Honor Deacon of Highland Baptist Church.

~ Tyler Swim, Deacon Chair

Critical Need for New Sunday Wall Volunteers!

Do you have one hour per month that you could volunteer at Highland? We have a **critical need** for people to help set up and take down the walls in the Fellowship Hall when we return to our

regular schedule on Sunday, August 25. Several of our older and experienced volunteers have been serving for many years and need to step away from this task, so we're especially interested in some of our younger Highland members who can step up to meet this important need. **Having our adult Bible study classes each week literally depends on having enough folks to volunteer for this task.** Please contact [Cheryl Davis](#) at the church office to learn more, 502-451-3735. Thanks to all of our current volunteers for their service!

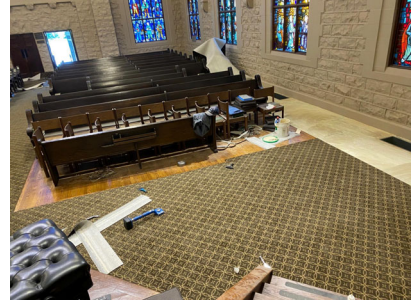
Children's Bible Study Promotion Sunday



Sacred Space Update

While work continues at a furious pace to be able to turn on the air conditioning, other work is happening throughout the building. Last week the old carpet was removed from the sanctuary (first picture below), the new carpet was laid out and cut in the parking lot, and the new carpet is being

installed today (third picture).



~ Walter McWhorter

Nominations Needed

This is a very busy season in the life of our church, and we need to identify folks who will provide leadership for two different groups:

1. Leadership Team for Strategic Planning
2. Ministry Council

Below are two articles focusing on the needs of these groups. Ballots to be used in the nomination process will be available on Sunday. The ballot will be two-sided, one side for nominations to the Ministry Council and the other side for nominations for the Strategic Planning Leadership Team.

Mission, Vision, and Values

Prior to the pandemic, HBC engaged in a strategic planning process; that process brought forth carefully crafted statements related to our Mission, Vision, and Values. It was the initial step of a process that would result in a 3-5 year plan. Thanks to a grant received by the [Center for Congregational Health](#) (CCH), which covers most of the costs, we now have the opportunity to take that next step.

Over the weekend of October 18-20, a representative from the Center for Congregational Health will visit Highland to begin a congregational discernment process with us over the following 6-8 months. The goal of this work is to explore how our current ministries align with our mission, vision, and values and to develop a strategic mission and ministry plan for Highland's future.

The Ministry Council will form a lay leadership team to work with our consultant from the Center for Congregational Health to facilitate and lead this process at Highland. We are seeking your input and requesting nominations of people to serve on this team from the fall of 2024 to the spring of 2025. We hope to have representation from across the diversity of the congregation. We are seeking people who are good listeners, open-minded, actively engaged in Highland, and invested in the work of Love that we share. **You are invited to submit up to five names to serve on the leadership team to be considered by the Ministry Council. Please turn in ballots through the offering plate by Sunday, August 25.**

Even with a leadership team guiding us in this process, this is congregational work, and we will need everyone's voice involved to reflect the diversity of our community of faith. Please save the date for the weekend of October 18-20, and we will share more information about the events of that weekend as details become available.

With great hope,

Lauren Blackwell, Ministry Council Chair
Margaret Pennington, Ministry Council Vice-Chair
Mary Alice Birdwhistell, Pastor

Ministry Council Nominations Needed

It is time to gather nominations for Ministry Council to replace those who will rotate off this coming year. The Ministry Council's primary function is strategic planning for the church which includes guiding the implementation of ministries set by the church and reviewing the effectiveness of church ministries, programs, and activities. Ministry Council members serve a three-year term with staggered rotation.

The Congregational Engagement Ministry Group will receive nominations through Sunday, August 25. You may nominate up to three individuals to fill the vacancies of those who rotate off this year. Ballots will be available on Sundays and can be placed in the offering plates.

The following individuals currently serve on Ministry Council and are not eligible for nomination: David Bannister, Lauren Blackwell, Joey Eubank, Emmanuel Maize, Matthew Neal, Margaret Pennington, Kate Roessler, and Natalie Ryder.

SENIOR ADULT SPONSORED RETREAT

SEPTEMBER 26, 2024
9:30 AM-3:30 PM

**Living Beautifully with
Uncertainty and Change:
Pema Chödrön and
the 3 Commitments**



Pema Chödrön, an 87-year-old American Buddhist nun, lives and teaches in Nova Scotia. She wonders, “How can we relax and have a genuine, passionate relationship with the fundamental uncertainty, the groundlessness, of being human?...Discomfort arises from all of our efforts to put ground under our feet, to realize our dream of constant okayness...When we embrace the groundlessness of our situation and relax into its dynamic quality, that’s called awakening to our true nature, to our fundamental goodness.”

Retreat attendees will look to Pema Chödrön’s teaching about the three commitments that lead to a deep experience of freedom. We will also consider a few Christian theologians who affirm our groundedness in God. Join us on this experience of collective wondering, tangible practice, and mutual efforts to embrace human groundlessness while loving a grounded God.



Rev. Dr. Lauren Jones Mayfield and Rev. Dr. Tyler D. Mayfield will co-lead the retreat. Lauren serves as the Interim Director of Field Education at Louisville Seminary, where Tyler also works as the Interim Dean and Professor of Old Testament.

We will meet at the Copperfield Subdivision Clubhouse, 406 Wickfield Drive. The cost is \$35, which includes lunch. Call the church at 502-451-3735 or email [Paul Henderson](#) to **SIGN UP BY SEPTEMBER 18. Let Paul know if you'd like Pema's book. We will make those available before the retreat!**



Many thanks to two of our favorite retired educators, Angela Collins and Bonnie Lindsay, who gave our bulletin board in the office hallway a much-needed and lovely makeover!

I ♥ Morocco Solidarity Dinner



Support critical ministries
of the EEAM in Morocco
AND have a fabulous
authentic Moroccan meal
catered by one of
Louisville's best:

Jarfi's Catering!!

\$20 (Scholarships Available)



Please RSVP :
<https://cbfky.org/morocco-1>



Saturday
August 24
5:00 PM
St. Matthews
Baptist Church

Looking Ahead

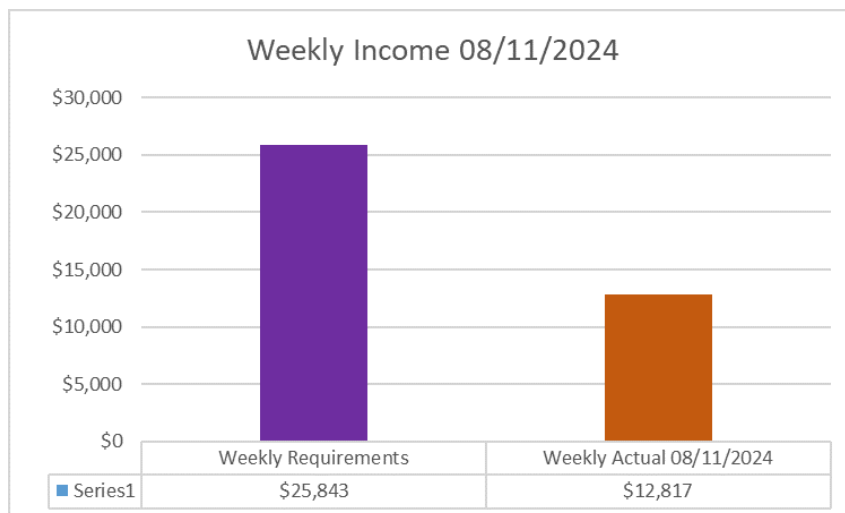
August 21 Wednesday Night Activities Return
August 25 Deacon Ordination Service, 6:00 PM

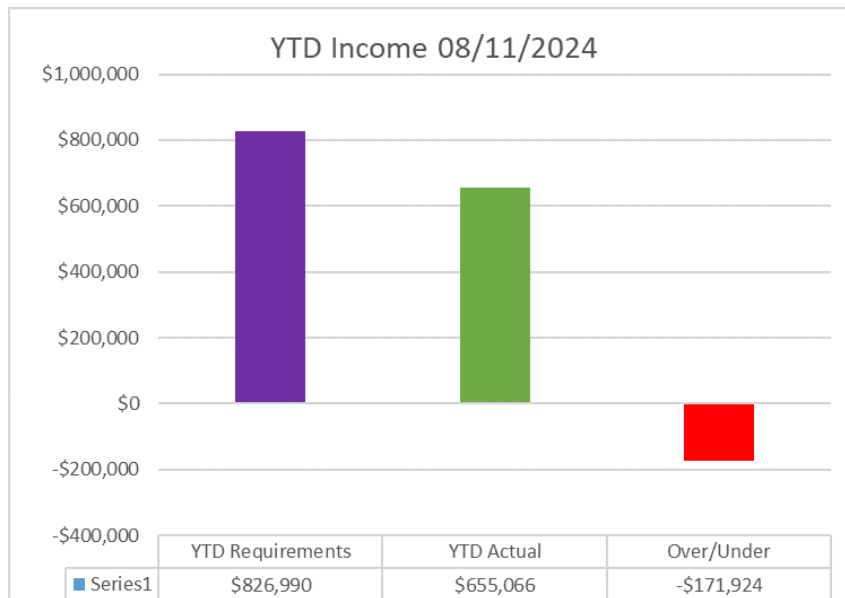
- Sept. 8 Gather 'Round Sunday
 - Sept. 15 Cole Arthur Riley visits Highland on Sunday Evening, 6:00 PM (registration required)
 - Sept. 26 Senior Adult Sponsored Retreat, Copperfield Sub. Clubhouse, 9:30 AM-3:30 PM
 - October 4-6 "Unstructured" Women's Retreat - contact [Ginger Miller](#) if interested.
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Sunday, 10:15 AM
<https://www.facebook.com/hbclouisville.org>
<https://www.youtube.com/@highlandbaptist>
Friday, 7:00 PM
<https://www.facebook.com/hbclouisville.org>



Financial Reports





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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.

- Marcus De'Mon Graves, 16, killed June 25
 - Cedrick Smith, 41, killed July 14
 - Rayjon Baskin, 20, killed July 18
 - Jaron Starling, 36, killed July 22
 - Antwan D. Morris, 38, killed July 27
 - Joseph A. Lewis, 20, killed July 30
 - Zion Burns, 16, killed July 30
 - Drew Allgood, 27, killed August 6
 - Ramone Boyd, 32, killed August 6
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