



The Weekly Newsletter of Highland Baptist Church October 8, 2024

This Sunday in Worship: Making Commitments to our 2025 Ministry Fund and Capital Campaign

Community is a word rich with meaning. It signifies living together with shared values and experiences, and I believe it embodies action beyond the simple act of "commune." As I celebrate three and a half years as a member of Highland, I've experienced this firsthand. Over the past year, I've transitioned from being cherished as a single person to feeling fully loved in my marriage and as a stepparent. Throughout this journey, the unwavering support of our community has been a guiding light. Just as it has been for generations, we have the opportunity to pass this legacy of love and support to our children and beyond.

At Highland Baptist, we gather as a vibrant community, sharing not only our joys but also our burdens. We break bread together, exchange laughter, and share tears side by side. This space allows us to cultivate sacred connections across Kentuckiana and beyond. Here, I've rediscovered the essence of community: a collective dedicated to uplifting one another and honoring the inherent worth of every individual. Our resources encompass theological insights, shared meals, and financial support—all flourishing at the corner of Grinstead and Cherokee.

As we enter this pledge season, I invite you to strengthen our community by making a financial pledge to Highland. This pledge affirms the dignity of all people, embracing their journeys at every stage of life. Together, let's nurture a sanctuary where everyone feels seen, valued, and loved, for we are still bringing the blessings of Jesus Christ to this community.

In Love and Peace,
Michelle West-James, Faithful Giving Ministry Group Member

This Sunday, we begin receiving pledges toward our 2025 Ministry Fund and our continuing Sacred Space for Everyone capital campaign. We hope to meet our goal of \$1.4M for our ministry fund, stepping into the new fiscal year with confidence and joy!

Pledges can be made using the brochure you received in the mail, scanning the QR code on that brochure, via our [website](#), or by emailing [Kathleen](#). We cannot wait to see what God will do through our practice of sacred generosity.

With deep gratitude,
Faithful Giving Ministry Group



Around Highland
on October 6, 2024





Young Adults (21-35), get ready for our annual retreat at the Burden Family Farm in Greensburg, Kentucky this weekend! Our gracious host, Troy Burden, will accommodate us for a weekend full of food, games, bonding, and faith discussions.

Don't miss out on this fun-filled weekend! Interested? [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up or contact [Justin Sizemore](#) with any questions you may have.

~ Justin Sizemore

Cloud of Witness This Wednesday



Our Cloud of Witness series returns this Wednesday, October 9 at 6:15 PM! Our guests for the evening are John Gulden, Emmanuel Maize, and Jess Smith. Please join us as we gather for the 39th session of this program getting to know our fellow saints-in-progress together.

~ Bob Cunningham

Cream of the Crop News

**SENIOR
ADULT VISIT
TO TRIBE
ANIMAL
SANCTUARY**



Tuesday, October 29

Join us Tuesday, October 29 for a visit to the Animal Tribe Sanctuary, a farm that provides care and sanctuary for abused and neglected animals, located at 2604 Flat Lick Road. **Please meet in the church parking lot at 9:15 to carpool or to ride the van.** Reserve your spot for this event by emailing [Paul](#) or calling the church office at 502-451-3735. **The deadline for reservations is noon on Monday, October 28.** Indicate if you wish to ride the van, which has 11 seats available. A \$13 donation is suggested for each participant, payable upon arrival.

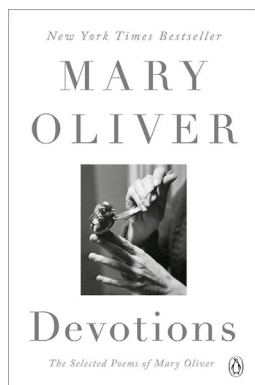
Following the Tribe Animal Sanctuary tour, we will gather for lunch at The Goose Eatery at 812 Lyndon Lane at approximately 11:30. Also, we are asking for donations of paper towels, an item the Tribe Animal Sanctuary can always use.



Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15 to October 15) has been celebrated in the United States for over 50 years. It is an opportunity to honor and appreciate the history, heritage, and contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans.

The Anti-Racism Team invites you to learn more about Hispanic Heritage Month, why it's important, and how you can celebrate it by exploring [this information](#) from the National Museum of the American Latino.

Calling All Creatives: Join Us in Crafting Advent Devotions



The Worship Ministry Group invites creatives to contribute to this year's Advent devotions. We'd especially love to include some personal art and photography submissions, accompanied by thought-provoking prompts or questions to encourage curiosity and meditation. WMG is planning our congregation's latest Advent journey through the lens of Mary Oliver's poetry from her book, *Devotions*. If you have questions or wish to submit an idea for your material, email [Paul Henderson](#) by October 11.



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 are still in need of one more person each week to help dry dishes.** Volunteers serve one week per month. **Contact [Kathy Belcher](#) if you can help.**

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.

October Menus:

October 9: Shredded Barbecue Chicken, Mac and Cheese, Steamed Vegetables, Mixed Green Salad, Dessert

October 16: Spaghetti with Meatballs and Sauce, Steamed Vegetables, Mixed Green Salad, Bread Sticks, Dessert

Empty Bowls 2024

Sunday
October 13
4:30-7:00p

Highlands
Community
Campus



Benefitting HCM's Emergency Assistance Program

[Link for Tickets and More Information Here](#)



October 9 Cloud of Witness with John Gulden, Emmanuel Maize, and Jess Smith, 6:15 PM
October 11-12 Young Adult Fall Retreat, Troy Burden's Family Farm - contact [Justin Sizemore](#) if interested.

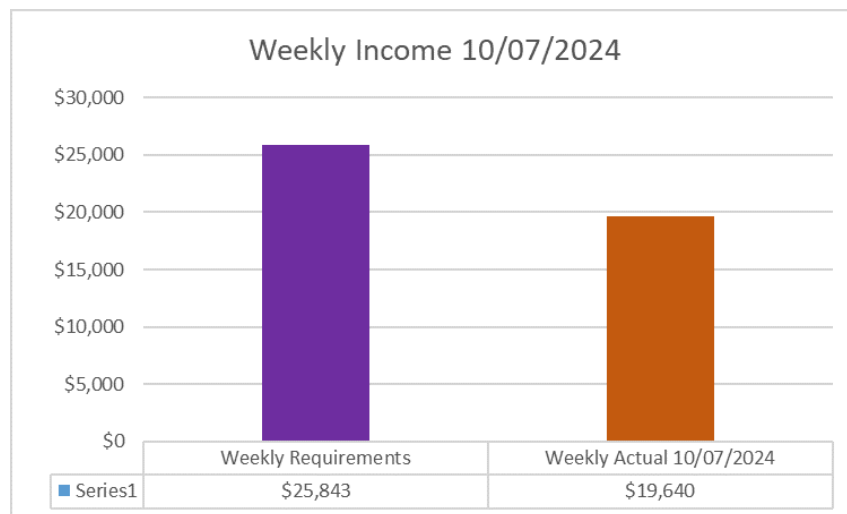
- October 13 Empty Bowls 2024, Highlands Community Ministries, 4:30-7:00 P
- October 16 Wednesday Night Series Begins: Christian Nationalism
- October 27 Fall Festival on the Lawn, 3:00-5:00 PM
- October 29 Cream of the Crop visit to Tribe Animal Sanctuary, 10:00 AM

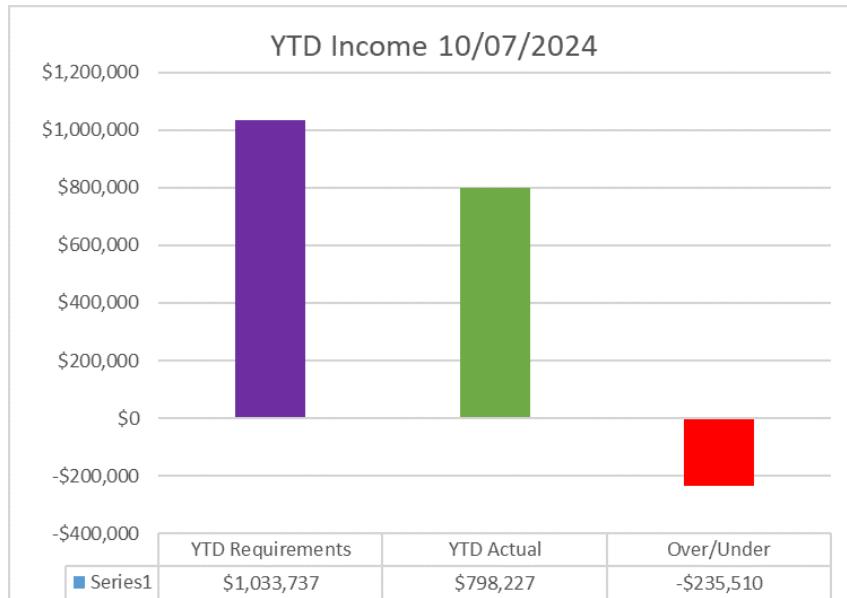
Sunday, 11:15 AM
<https://www.facebook.com/hbclouisville.org>
<https://www.youtube.com/@highlandbaptist>
Friday, 7:00 PM
<https://www.facebook.com/hbclouisville.org>



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Financial Reports





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and open the link or use the QR code below.**





Louisville Homicides

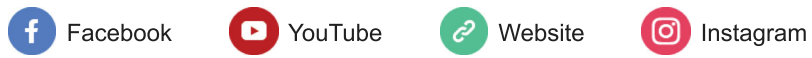
Please join us in prayer and action as we remember those who have been killed in recent weeks in our city. We grieve with those who mourn, while we also maintain a hope that one day, all things will be made new.

Thank You, Highland

Dear Staff and Members of Highland Baptist Church,

It's been nearly one month since my spouse, James Reid Smith, died. He'd been diagnosed with frontal lobe dementia and gradually declined over the last several years. I wanted to reach back to the staff and congregation of HBC and offer a word of thanks for all of the cards, phone calls, and prayers I've received. You've been the presence of Christ, and your response has been greatly appreciated. Since Jim didn't want a traditional funeral service, we've chosen to have a celebration of his life on Saturday, November 2 at 11:00 AM at Simpsonville Christian Church where he was a member.

Peace,
Elizabeth Reda Milazzotto



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