



**HIGHLAND
BAPTIST CHURCH**

*A thinking, feeling, healing
community of faith*

***The Weekly Newsletter of Highland Baptist Church
October 22, 2024***



We hope you'll join us for a church-wide fall festival on the lawn this Sunday, October 27 from 3:00-5:00 PM. There will be treats, face-painting, and activities for children and people of all ages. We will vote with dollar and coin donations to our Sacred Space campaign for the best carved pumpkins by our youth mentor groups. All ages are invited to dress up (no scary costumes, please), and there will be prizes for best costumes for all ages, too. Bring a lawn chair and join us for what we hope will be a beautiful afternoon together!



Around Highland
on October 20, 2024



Highland Welcomes New Member



Mya Cutler joined on October 20, 2024

2025 Ministry Fund Commitments Total \$443,028 to Date

With two Sundays of generous pledging behind us, we are well into our 2025 financial commitment season. To date in October, we have had 74 pledges for a total of \$443,028 toward our \$1.4 million ministry budget goal, as well as \$97,000 in additional pledges toward our Sacred Space project. Many thanks to everyone who has pledged so far! We know this reflects many people making hard decisions and sacrifices in their commitments.

Mary Alice made a number of excellent points in her sermon on Commitment Sunday. While you are thinking through your budget gifts, and especially your Sacred Space participation, please remember:

1. The investments we undertook in the heating and air conditioning project were absolutely necessary. This was not an optional or a cosmetic project to take on; we were regularly putting \$10,000 and \$20,000 “band-aids” on a system that was effectively irreparable.
2. The \$3.8 million cost was the best choice for the church financially. While the cost was larger than anyone expected, it would have been more costly had we not gone with a geothermal system because of the tax credits we are receiving to use sustainable energy.
3. We are currently paying \$350 a day in interest on our renovation loans. This is also a good reminder that any gift we receive now will help us decrease the interest we are paying on the

loans.

4. 2025 is going to be a year of serious discernment. Some of the priorities we have had in the past may need to change. In 2025, we will be working with the Center for Congregational Health to look at our ways of functioning as a church and making sustainable plans to empower our church for years to come.
5. Every pledge makes a difference. This is not a situation where one or two people can swoop in and save the day. We need everyone to help. In fact, we routinely get more money from all the small gifts combined than the top tier of donors.

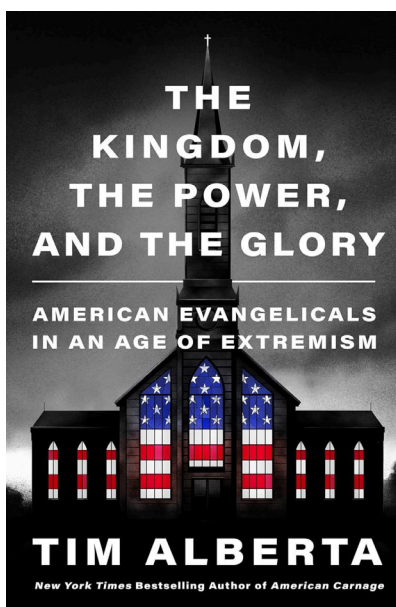
If you have not turned in your pledge(s) yet, please take the time to think through your 2025 commitments and let us know. We are hopeful we can get a big turnout of pledges by November 3, so we can go confidently into approving the 2025 budget.

Thank you,

Rob Thompson and the Faithful Giving Ministry Group

Christian Nationalism Series

On October 23 and 30, Robert Davis and Mary Alice will continue our Wednesday night series on Christian Nationalism and will facilitate discussion around excerpts from Tim Alberta's book, *The Kingdom, The Power, and The Glory: American Evangelicalism in an Age of Extremism*. While reading the book in advance is not necessary, we wanted to give you time to join us in reading before the conversation if you're interested.



~ Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Friday Church Celebrates 20th Anniversary!

As confirmation that sometimes in life, we have to make adjustments, we had to reschedule the 20th Anniversary Celebration of Friday Church due to weather.



The celebration is now scheduled for Friday, November 1. We will have a time of gathering and community in the lobby at 6:30 PM, followed by a service in the sanctuary at 7:00 PM. Friday Church began as a vision of a lay member of Highland along with Highland's minister at the time. Friday Church grew and has been blessed by countless lay leaders and church staff over the past 20 years. To all who are seeking God, whether in the recovery community or along some other path of life, Friday Church has been a reminder that through it all, God—the Great God of Love—is with us; and, that God the Creator is not done. Come and join us.

~ Bill Campbell

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.



The annual **Festival of Faiths** returns **Nov. 13-16** to the Kentucky Center, where a diverse lineup of spiritual teachers, thought leaders, movement makers and artists will celebrate the beauty of creativity and the power of ideas to change the world. Share in this experience of *Sacred Imagining* as we lean into our highest potential, explore our authentic selves and reimagine what the future might hold. Right now get 20% off your ticket price with code word SACRED. [Buy tickets/passes and learn more here.](#)

Are you interested in being a part of the 2024 Festival of Faiths as a volunteer?

Our Volunteer Team is a critical part of presenting this nationally acclaimed interfaith event and a

meaningful way to contribute to our mission while earning a ticket to a session of your choice! To get started, click on [this link](#) to fill out a short form by Friday, October 25.



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 23: Soup (two kinds), Mixed Green Salad, Cornbread, Dessert

October 30: Pizza, Mixed Vegetables, Mixed Green Salad, Dessert

Click Here for Church Signup Links

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>

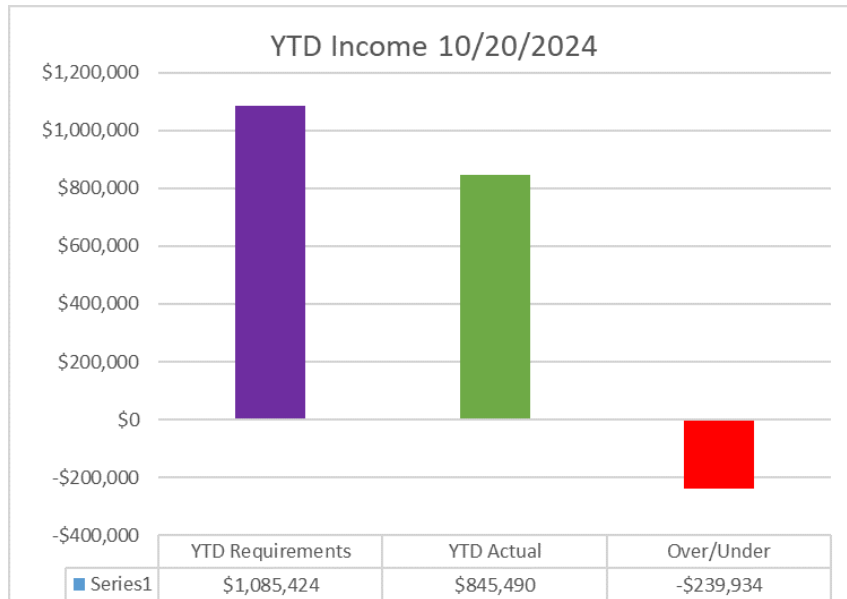
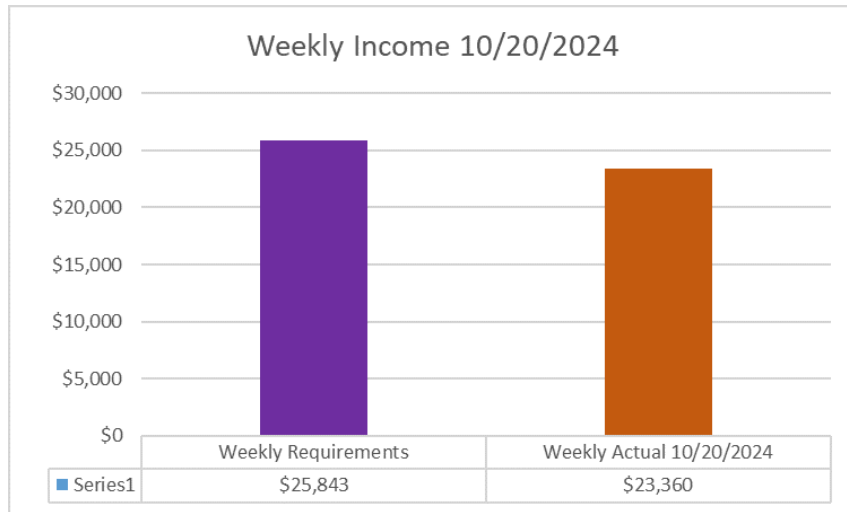
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Looking Ahead

- October 23 Wednesday Night Series Continues: 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
- November 6 A Service of Unity and Hope, 6:15 PM

Financial Reports



**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.



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