



The Weekly Newsletter of Highland Baptist Church January 8, 2025

Coming Up in January and February

Mary Alice's Final Sunday

With last Sunday's cancellation, Mary Alice's final Sunday in the pulpit will be this Sunday, January 12 at 11:15 AM. We will have a farewell reception for her following the worship service.

Worship in January and February

We will continue to have Bible study at 10:00 AM and one Sunday morning worship service at 11:15 AM on Sundays in January. This will allow all of us to worship together on Mary Alice's last Sunday, and it will accommodate our schedule when the Center for Congregational Health is in town. **Our regular Sunday schedule will resume on February 2: 8:45 AM Worship, 10:00 Bible Study, 11:15 AM Worship.**

Guest Proclaimers

January 19: Carol Harston, Former Associate Pastor, [*Moving Faith Forward*](#)

January 26: Brian Henderson, Executive Director of the [Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists](#)

February 2: Bob Cunningham, Interim Associate Pastor

February 9: Sally Evans, Former Interim Associate Pastor

February 16: Justin Sizemore, Associate Pastor for Youth and Young Adults

February 23: Jim England, Former Interim Pastor

Wednesday Nights

January 15, 22, and February 5: Moving Faith Forward

Since leaving Highland's ministerial staff in 2021, Carol Harston has been deepening her traumatizing theology research by wondering what it looks like for people to move past their beliefs and grow into spiritual maturity. Carol's vision is a future in which people can live at peace with the

past, confident in their ability to face whatever life brings, and open to a revived spirituality that evolves as life changes. To get there, Carol offers a three-step process of working through beliefs: (1) placing former beliefs in the context of what was happening when we received them, (2) putting words to beliefs that have stood the test of time, and (3) learning to accept what has been, integrate core beliefs, and engage in spiritual practice tailored to our real lives (you can read case studies that apply the three steps at www.carolharston.com). Catch up with Carol in this Wednesday night class to learn more about the three-step process and explore what it looks like to move faith forward.

January 29: Cloud of Witness

Work with the Center for Congregational Health

Please join us for our church-wide conversations with the Center for Congregational Health. Your voice is important!

This is a unique opportunity for Highland members to connect in intentional conversations at this important time of transition. Facilitated by church leaders, we will reflect together on our journey as a congregation, remember where we have been and express our hope for the future. These conversations will give clarity to future planning and will help set a direction that will affirm who we are and inspire the path we need to create to thrive together.

The weekend schedule is listed below. **Please note the 9:30 starting time for Sunday morning.** Children's Bible studies will still meet that morning to allow parents to participate but will begin a half hour earlier. Childcare for infants through 5th grade will be available during the afternoon session with a reservation. Please contact [Megan Fuller](#) no later than Wednesday, January 15.

You may choose either church-wide session to attend (9:30 AM or 2:30 PM).

The weekend's schedule is:

- **Saturday, January 18:** Small group meetings with the CCH and Ministry Council, Deacons, Strategic Planning Team, and Church Staff
- **Sunday, January 19, 9:30 AM:** No Adult Bible Study; instead, all adults will meet in Fellowship Hall with the CCH for a 90-minute church-wide conversation from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM
- **Sunday, January 19, 2:30 PM:** Church-wide conversation with the CCH

We are in a season of spiritual discernment for the congregation and having this time together will allow everyone's voice to be heard as the congregational leadership ponders our next steps.



Interim Staff Coordinator

The Personnel Ministry Group, in conjunction with Mary Alice, has selected Tracy Holladay to be hired as an Interim Staff Coordinator to work during the time ahead of an Interim Pastor being named by the Pastoral Interim Committee. This role will serve as a staff supervisor, oversee staff presence in the office, offer day-to-day guidance on decision-making, lead staff meetings, and liaise with various committees. We are thankful that Tracy will be able to bring his unique gifts to Highland to ensure our staff is supported and has structure during this season.

Tanya Cornely, Chair of Personnel MG
Kathey Golightly Sanders, Vice Chair of Personnel MG

Children's Choirs



***Children's Choirs are resuming for a winter and spring semester.
Please join us!***

When? Wednesday, January 15

What time? 6:00 – 7:15 p.m.

Cherub Choir: Walking toddlers – age 3 with a parent.

Music activities 6:00-6:30 with childcare provided 6:30-7:15 PM

Carol Choir: 3's – young 5's

Chorister Choir: Kindergarten through Fifth Grade

The Children's Handbell Choir is for 4th & 5th graders who participate in Chorister Choir.
Their weekly rehearsal is part of the 6:00-7:15 PM time.

Fabulous teachers cannot wait to begin a new season of making music together again!

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact:

Kathy Collier, Children's Choir Coordinator

kathyh.collier@gmail.com



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.

January Menus:

Jan. 15: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls, Dessert

Jan. 22: BBQ Pork, Macaroni & Cheese, Baked Beans, Salad, Dessert

Jan. 29: Soup, Salad, Corn Bread, Dessert

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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**



Looking Ahead

- January 15: Wednesday Night Supper and activities resume
January 18-19: Weekend with Center for Congregational Health
January 29: Cloud of Witness
February 2: Regular Sunday schedule resumes; QCC at 4:00 PM on Zoom
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Giving 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.

- Kaveion Talbert, 19, killed December 27
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