



The Weekly Newsletter of Highland Baptist Church February 25, 2025

Bread of Life: Gather. Savor. Share.

Church, you are invited to join us on our Lenten journey, Bread of Life: Gather. Savor. Share.

Nourish your soul with the *Bread of Life*. When the world feels heavy—divided and uncertain—hearts ache, minds seek peace, and souls hunger for hope. In these moments, while many search for a way forward, the bread of life reminds us of abundance. There is enough love, grace, and hope for all.



We begin the season of Lent with a service on Ash Wednesday (March 5) at 6:15 PM in the sanctuary. We will gather for a time of prayer, reflection, music, and the imposition of ashes. There will be childcare for infants, toddlers, and two's. Carol Choir will meet for our preschool children (3s, 4s, and PreK). Kindergarten-5th grade, children, and youth will participate with us in this family-friendly service.

~ Paul Henderson



 **Upcoming Special Called Business Meeting and Election**



Thank you to everyone who attended last Sunday's informational presentation about the proposal to sell the Foree House, the rental property next door to the church, at 2120 Grinstead Drive. If you were unable to attend, [the slide deck link is here](#). It has been updated (with changes in yellow text) to include details that were topics of discussion at the informational meeting.

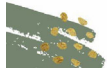
There will be a vote on the recommendation to sell the property at a special Called Business Meeting on Sunday, March 2 at 4:00 PM on Zoom. Other agenda items for the March 2 called business meeting include a vote on the Interim Pastor job description (see article below) and a recommendation for the ordination of Paxton Vaughn. The Zoom link will be sent out on Friday.

As a reminder, you will also receive an electronic ballot on March 4 for the election of the following members for Ministry Groups and Trustees: Robert Davis and Rick Holtmeier for Finance, Rebecca Jagers for Personnel, and Arlette Tinsley for Trustees. Ballots will be sent electronically and the deadline for submission is March 6.

Interim Pastor Job Description

The Pastoral Interim Committee has developed a draft job description for the Interim Pastor position which has been approved by the Personnel Ministry Group. As previously announced, a vote on the document will be held on Sunday, March 2, at the called business meeting at 4:00 PM via Zoom. A link to the job description is [available here](#).

The committee will accept applications for the Interim Pastor position through March 15, 2025. Please share this information with anyone you think would be a good fit for this important role.



Highland Welcomes New Member



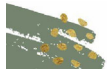
Kasey Carlson joined Highland on February 23, 2025



Highlights Class for Visitors and New Members on March 16

If you are new to Highland, whether through membership or visiting, please join us on Sunday, March 16 from 12:30-3:00 PM for our Highlights Class in the Fellowship Hall. This brief tutorial provides lunch and space to meet with fellow newcomers, as well as long-time congregants.

We will hear from one another what brings us to this wonderful and unique community of faith, and we will learn a bit more about what it means to be a progressive Baptist. Attending the Highlights Class is also a requirement for membership here at Highland. If you are able to join us, [please RSVP to Renee Purtlebaugh](#) as soon as possible. Childcare will be available with a reservation.



Let's Celebrate Jerre and Kathleen!



2025 is a 30-year marker for HBC's custodian Jerre Bassett as our longest tenured staff member! This year also marks five wonderful years with Kathleen Gordon as Financial Secretary. Both these staff members play behind-the-scenes yet important roles in helping Highland continue to thrive. We hope you will join us for a church-wide reception to honor them following 11:15 worship on March 2 in the Fellowship Hall.

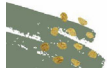


Register Now for Highland's Summer Camps for Children



We are already looking forward to summer sunshine as well as learning and growing together in community! Each summer, Highland provides overnight and day camp experiences for children who have completed Kindergarten-5th grade. This year's options are PassportKids, Discovery Camp, and Advocacy Camp. Registration is open and will remain so until each camp reaches capacity. Links to register can be found in the graphic above, in our Family Ministry Happenings e-newsletter and via our private Facebook group and Instagram, or by using the QR code below. Need to sign up for the newsletter or one of these social groups? Do so by emailing [Megan Fuller](#) or [Renee Purtlebaugh](#).





Friday Church News



Friday Church is a place of community - believers and doubters, sinners and saints, and those we meet along the way. You are invited to share in this community. Members of Highland, people like you, have nurtured and blessed Friday Church in so many ways, including the gift of hand-knitted scarves and hats this winter, music and preaching, serving as greeters, readers, by providing hospitality and food, and most importantly, by sharing and showing God's great love for all. God is in the people we encounter, and through Friday Church, we often get to meet people we might never have otherwise met.

This Friday, February 28, Kathy Maize will preach with Emmanuel Maize and others who will lead music. Preaching March 7: Jim England; March 14: Rev. George Mayes, Jr., of Quinn Chapel AME. Come and join us!

~ Bill Campbell



Help Us Build a House with Habitat for Humanity



On March 20, 21, and 22, Highland is partnering with other Baptist churches to build a home as part of Habitat for Humanity Baptist Build. We are looking for three to four volunteers on each day. For more information, [contact Larry Hoover here](#).

February Children's Bible Study and Music Teacher Appreciation Month Concludes This Week

Many thanks to each of you who have found ways to show appreciation to our Children's Bible study teachers and music teachers throughout the month of February! We have showered our teachers with chocolate, gratitude bouquets, cards, words of thanks, and gifts of over \$150 to our Sacred Space campaign in their honor.



While our month focusing on appreciation ends this week, remember that the opportunity to say thank you with a card or by giving a financial gift in appreciation for or in honor of someone continues year-round!

~ Pastor Renee

The Empathic God: A Book Presentation and Discussion in Three Parts - *Beginning This Week*



Frank Woggon's book *The Empathic God: A Clinical Theology of At-onement* (Fortress Press, 2024) constructs a reinterpretation of the Christian narrative of salvation from the clinical perspective of a spiritual care practitioner, utilizing case studies and interdisciplinary dialogue to suggest a faithful Christian practice of participating in God's ongoing work of salvation. Join Frank Woggon as he discusses the argument and central themes of his book in three presentation sessions:

February 26: The Shadow of the Cross: A Problematic Atonement

March 12: Shame, Empathy, and the Human Condition

March 19: Practicing At-onement: How the Empathic God-event Calls Upon Us

Upcoming Sunday Proclaimers

March 2: Jim England, Former Interim Pastor

March 9: Erin Phelps, Former Intern

March 16: Dr. Lewis Brogdon

March 23: Renee Purtlebaugh

March 30: Kathryn House



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!

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.

February Menu:

February 26: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Dessert

March Menus:

March 5: Taco Bar, Beans, Mexican Street Corn, Chips, Salsa, Guacamole, Dessert

March 12: Baked Ziti, Salad, Bread Sticks, Dessert

March 19: Fried & Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Salas, Rolls, Dessert

March 26: Soup, Salad, Cornbread, Dessert

Click Here for Church Signup Links

Jean Janes Yard Sale March 15

The long-delayed yard sale will be held Saturday, March 15, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Please bring your items to HBC **between Sunday, March 2 and Wednesday, March 12**. Place them in the hallway going back to the Fireside Room.



Fat Tuesday, March 4, 2025 • 5:30PM - 7:30PM
Highlands Community Campus (1228 E. Breckinridge St)
\$60 All-inclusive Ticket • \$75 VIP Bourbon Experience



Scan for Tickets

Your attendance directly helps neighbors stay nourished and housed through Highlands Community Ministries

Celebrate The Highlands at this lively Mardi Gras party, sponsored by **King + Company**, **Peoples Bank**, & **Givhan and Mitchell Realtors**!

- **Sweet and savory bites** from The Highlands' finest restaurants
- Pair your plates with exceptional **local spirits and beverages**
- Upgrade for \$15: VIP bourbon tasting from **Limestone Branch Distillery**!

Questions? Contact **Steven Michael Carr**, HCM Development Director at scarr@hcmloouisville.org OR (502) 451-3695 ext. 208.

Sunday, 11:15 AM

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

<https://www.youtube.com/@highlandbaptist>

Friday, 7:00 PM

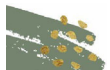
<https://www.facebook.com/hbclouisville.org>

Streaming
Worship
Links



Looking Ahead

- February 26: *The Empathic God* book study with Frank Woggon begins
- March 2: Work Anniversary Celebration for Jerre Bassett and Kathleen Gordon following 11:15 worship in the Fellowship Hall;
Called Business Meeting, 4:00 PM via Zoom
- March 5: Ash Wednesday Service, 6:15 PM, Sanctuary
- March 7-9: Women's Retreat
- March 15: Jean Janes Yard Sale, 9:00 AM-2:00 PM, Fellowship Hall
- March 16: Highlights Class, 12:30-3:00 PM, Fellowship Hall



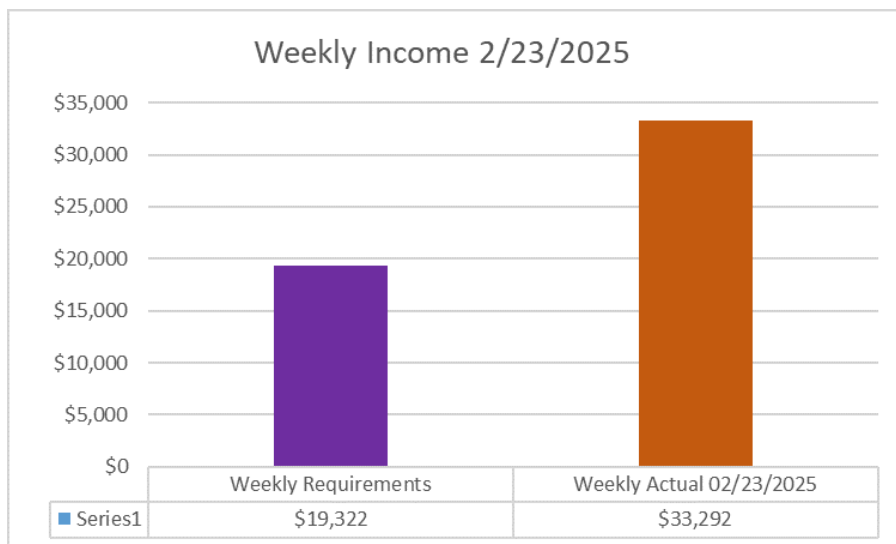
Financial Focus

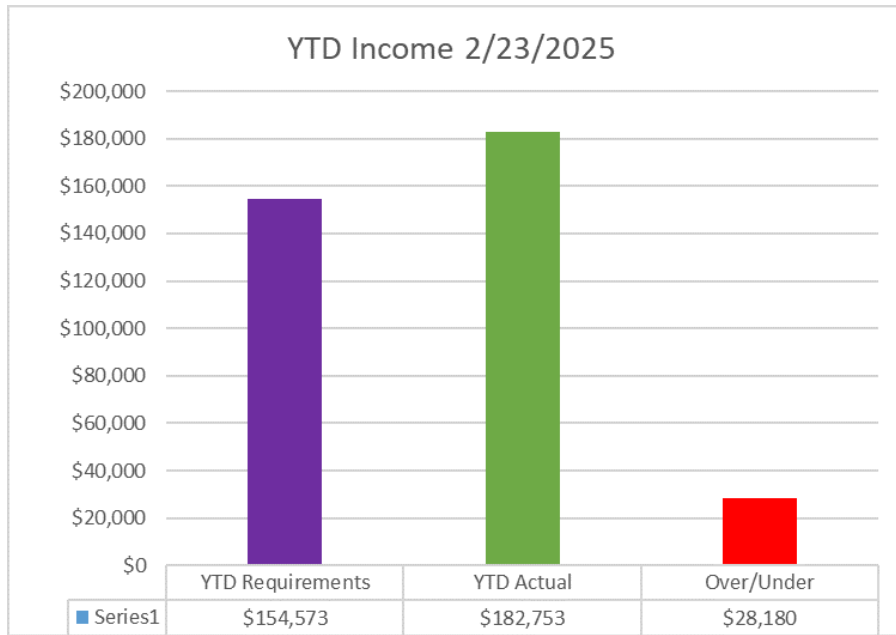
On behalf of the Finance and Faithful Giving Ministry Groups, I would like to thank you all for your generosity and commitment to Highland Baptist Church. If you requested offering envelopes, they can be found in the Commons from now until February 28th. If they have not been picked up by then, I will mail them to you. If you do not see your box, please reach out to me and I will have one out for you by the following week.

As we move forward into 2025, please remember contributions can be debited automatically from your checking account. They can also be processed using your credit or debit card. Note that Highland incurs no processing fees for auto withdrawals from your checking account, but there are fees associated with credit or debit transactions. Please review your accounts regularly if you have signed up for Highland to automatically draft your contributions. If you find any discrepancies, please let me know right away. You can contact me at the church office by phone at 502-451-3735 or by [email here](#).

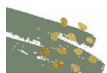
~ Kathleen Gordon

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.



Copyright © 2025 Highland Baptist Church, All rights reserved.

Want to change how you receive these emails?
You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#).