



The Weekly Newsletter of Highland Baptist Church March 11, 2025

Dr. Lewis Brogdon Returns to Highland This Sunday



This week we welcome back to the pulpit Dr. Lewis Brogdon. Dr. Brogdon serves as the **Associate Professor of Preaching and Black Church Studies and Executive Director of the Institute for Black Church Studies** at the Baptist Seminary of Kentucky. He has served in numerous positions in undergraduate and graduate institutions like Simmons College of Kentucky, Claflin University, Bluefield University, and Louisville Seminary as a professor and administrator.

Brogdon is an accomplished writer. He is the author of several books such as *A Companion to Philemon* (Cascade 2018), *The Spirituality of Black Preaching* (Seymour Press 2016), *The New*

Pentecostal Message? (Cascade 2015), *Dying to Lead: The Disturbing Trend of Clergy Suicide* (Seymour Press 2015), *Hope on the Brink* (Cascade 2013) and *No Longer a Slave but a Brother* (Scholars Press 2013). As a regular contributor to *Christian Ethics Today*, *Virginia Capital Connections Quarterly*, and *Black Politics Today*, Brogdon authors numerous articles for both academic and non-academic audiences.

Dr. Brogdon is also a public intellectual and sought-out preacher, lecturer, consultant, and panelist. Brogdon delivers lectures on Martin Luther King, Jr., the debate about reparations for African Americans, nihilism in black America, slavery in the Bible, and 2020 protests about the deaths of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor for colleges and community organizations.

He has developed academic courses on the study of Martin Luther King, Jr. for four educational institutions in Virginia and Kentucky. He has also lectured at Louisville Seminary, the Interdenominational Theological Center, Claflin University, and Radford University. Dr. Brogdon presents workshops at major conferences like the Festival of Faiths, Hampton Ministers Conference at Hampton University, the Global 21 Congress in Jerusalem, and the annual congress for the National Baptist Convention of America, International (NBCA). He is an ordained minister of thirty years and has pastored churches in Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Ohio.



Highlights Class for Visitors and New Members this Sunday!

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 Cheryl Davis](#) by **Wednesday, March 12 at 3:00 PM**. Childcare will be available with a reservation.

Women's Retreat Last Weekend



Interim Pastor Job Posting - Now Accepting Applications

The Interim Pastor job description has been finalized, and the search is officially underway! The Pastoral Interim Search Committee is now accepting applications for the Interim Pastor position through **March 15, 2025**.

If you or someone you know would be a great fit for this important role, we encourage you to apply or share this opportunity. More details and the [job description can be found here](#).

Highland Receives Piano for Choir Room

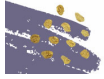


I am delighted to announce that we have received the generous donation of a Yamaha grand piano for the choir room! This beautiful gift comes from Michael Adams (a friend of Troy Burden) who donated his husband Steve's piano to the Music Ministry of Highland Baptist Church in memory of W. D. Burden. Thank you, Michael, for helping to ensure a high quality of music and worship at Highland Baptist for years to come!

~ Paul Henderson

Pastor Search Committee Nominations Continue

Please take some time to nominate people for the Pastor Search Committee. We are hoping to have a wide range of demographics represented from the church body. You may nominate members, including yourself. This nomination form will be available in both [digital format here](#) and paper format on Sunday, March 16. Nominations will close on Wednesday, March 19 at 5:00 PM. Please use **one form per person you wish to nominate**, in either the paper or digital format.



Help Us Build a House with Habitat for Humanity



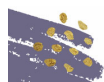
On March 20, 21, and 22, Highland will partner with other Baptist churches to build a home as part of Habitat for Humanity Baptist Build. We are looking for three to four volunteers on each day. For more information, [contact Larry Hoover here](#).



Upcoming Sunday Proclaimers

- March 16:** Dr. Lewis Brogdon
- March 23:** Renee Purtlebaugh
- March 30:** Kathryn House
- April 6:** Sally Evans

April 13: Justin Sizemore
April 20: Carol Harston
April 27: Children's Sabbath



Ordination Service for Paxton Vaughn



We are pleased to announce that Paxton Vaughn's ordination as a minister was unanimously approved during our called business meeting earlier this month. Paxton is a long-time member of Highland and **her ordination service will be held here at Highland at 4:00 PM on Sunday, April 6.** We hope you can join us for this important service!



Award-Winning Documentary about the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict

If you are concerned about and try to follow the conflict in Israel and Palestine and Gaza, you may be interested in seeing the movie *No Other Land*, which just won the Academy award for Best Documentary Feature Film at the Academy Awards.

It is built around the relationship between a young Palestinian activist and a Jewish Israeli journalist. Due to the complex nature of its topic, the film does yet have a distributor in the United States. It has been referred to as "harrowing" and "devastating", and portrays the resilience of the Palestinian people. Not light, feel-good entertainment, to put it mildly.

It is showing at the Baxter Theater for one week, through this Thursday evening, March 13, with a possible extension depending on interest. Showtimes are available online.

~ Vicki Runnion



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!

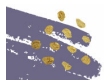
Please make your reservations by Monday at 12:00 Noon for that week's meal. You can either make standing reservations or make them weekly by emailing [Kathleen Gordon](#) or calling her at the church office, 502-451-3735.

March Menus:

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



The Empathic God: A Book Presentation and Discussion in Three Parts - *Continues 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 two remaining sessions:

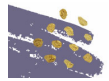
March 12: Shame, Empathy, and the Human Condition

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



Jean Janes Yard Sale March 15

The long-delayed yard sale will be held this Saturday, March 15, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Please bring your items to Highland **no later than Wednesday, March 12**. Place them in the hallway going back to the Fireside Room.



Cream of the Crop Potluck Luncheon on March 19



Bring a side dish to share and join a great group of senior adults for a potluck luncheon on Wednesday, March 19 at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall! We will enjoy good food, fellowship, board games, and some Mardi Gras fun with Paul Henderson (rescheduled from our February meeting that was cancelled due to weather). Don't miss it!

[Click Here for Church Signup Links](#)

Sunday, 11:15 AM

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

Friday, 7:00 PM

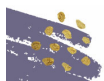
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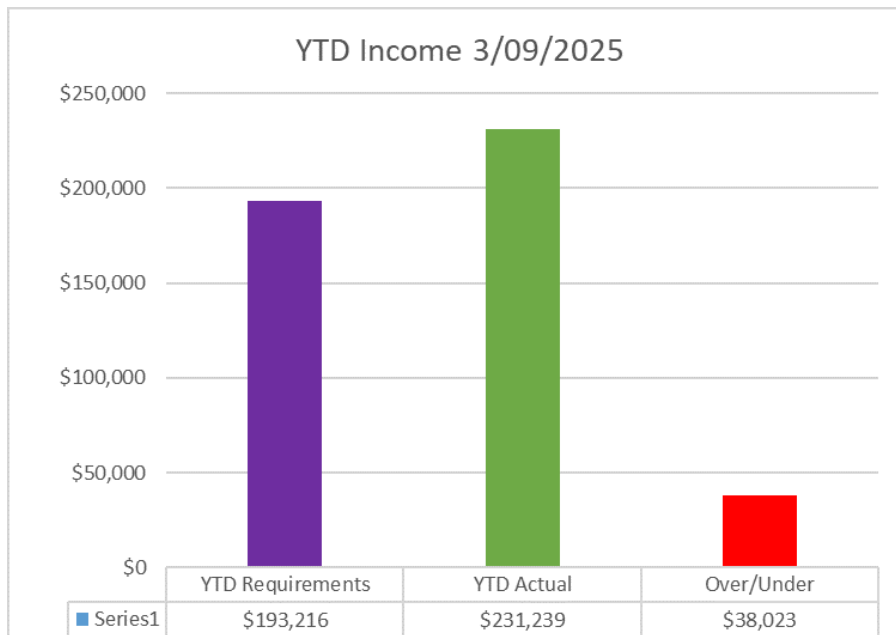
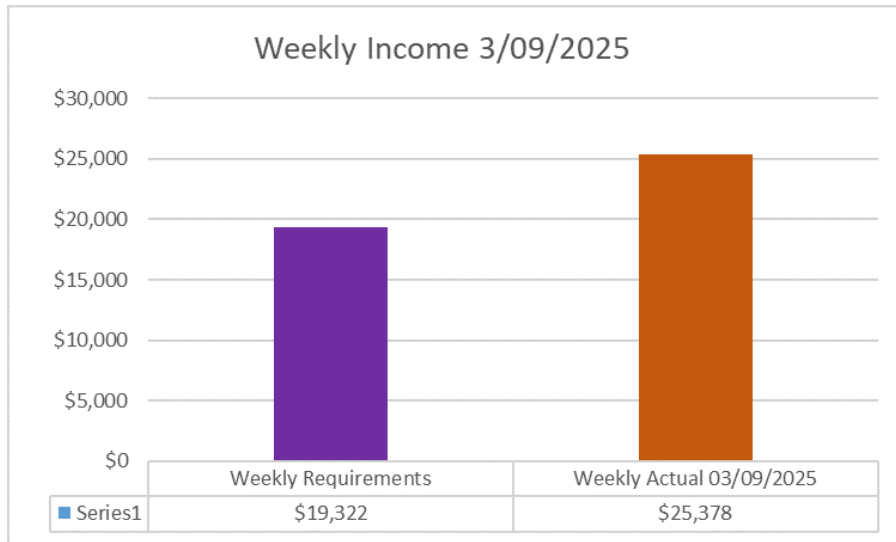


Looking Ahead

- 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
- March 19: Cream of the Crop Potluck Luncheon, 12:00 Noon, Fellowship Hall
- April 13: Palm Sunday - 8:45 and 11:15 AM services, Sanctuary
- April 17: Maundy Thursday service, 7:00 PM, Fellowship Hall
- April 18: Good Friday - Tenebrae service, 7:00 PM, Sanctuary
- April 20: Easter Sunday - 8:45 & 11:15 AM services, Easter on the Lawn, 10:00 AM
- April 27: Children's Sabbath



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.

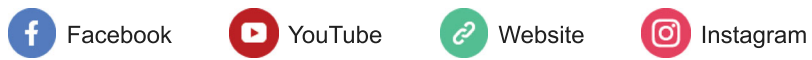




Louisville Homicides

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.

- Isabella Verbaere, 15, killed March 1
 - Justin Taylor, 31, killed March 5
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