



## The Weekly Newsletter of Highland Baptist Church April 29, 2025

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### Children's Sabbath Reflection

Reflecting on our Children's Sabbath, I find myself with deep gratitude for the tireless efforts of Kathy Collier and her amazing team of choir leaders. They are training our Highland children to love and appreciate music, and on a deeper level, to value thoughtful and creative worship. Thank you to all who support our children in Bible Study and Worship Care. We see you, too, and acknowledge the nurturing gifts you provide selflessly every Sunday. As Renee said at the end of worship, Highland has not just a future in these children, we have a now. Through all of your care and support you are helping to sustain these ministries for generations to come.

~ Paul Henderson



## News from the Interim Pastor Search Committee

We are excited to recommend that Rev. Dr. Chris Caldwell be elected to serve as Highland Baptist's Interim Pastor.



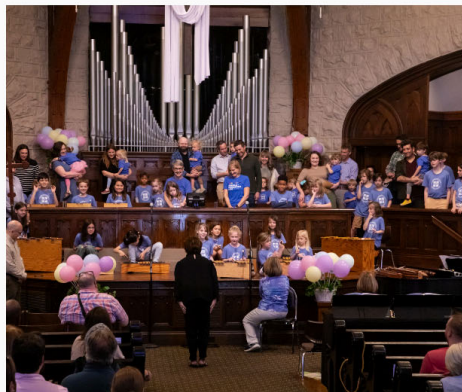
Chris brings over 25 years of dynamic pastoral leadership, a deep alignment with our church's core values, and a passion for progressive, inclusive ministry. Many in our community will recognize Chris from his 15+ years as Pastor of Broadway Baptist Church here in Louisville. He most recently served as Interim Pastor at Immanuel Baptist Church in Frankfort, Kentucky, and has held leadership roles at Simmons College, including Director of the Office of Church Engagement and Chair of the Department of Religious Studies.

Describing himself as a "bit of a Baptist rabble-rouser," Chris has dedicated his life to preaching and teaching a faith rooted in justice and inclusion, with a strong track record in anti-racism and LGBTQ+ advocacy. In our interview with Chris, he more than answered our questions; he spoke personally and pastorally to each of us. His highly relational leadership style will be a great support to our staff and ministry teams as we move forward together.

**Please note updated plans:** Chris will share his faith story in both services this Sunday, May 4 and will be available to meet with interested congregants between services in the Commons. A formal congregational vote will take place during a called business meeting via Zoom on Sunday, May 4 at 4:00 PM (see article below). If approved, Chris will begin his ministry at Highland on Monday, May 5.

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## Called Business Meeting on May 4

At the request of the Chair of Ministry Council, there will be a Called Business Meeting on May 4 at 4:00 PM via Zoom. The purpose of the meeting is to have the congregation vote on the candidate being recommended for the position of Interim Pastor, the Reverend Dr. Chris Caldwell. The Interim Pastor Search Committee will be present to respond to any questions not previously answered.

A Zoom link will be emailed on Friday, May 2.



## Highland Welcomes Noelle Tennis Gulden as our Guest Proclaimer this Sunday



Noelle Tennis Gulden was born and raised in Los Angeles, CA. She received a Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies from Azusa Pacific University and earned a Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary, where she met her husband John. They have two teenage children, Quinn and Else. Noelle and her family have been members of Highland Baptist Church for two years. She is an ordained deacon, a member of the anti-racism team, and, along with Bob Cunningham, one of the teachers of the Prodigals Bible Study class. We welcome Noelle as Highland's guest proclaimer in both services this Sunday.

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## Cloud of Witness This Wednesday



Join us tomorrow evening (April 30) at 6:00 PM for the 43<sup>rd</sup> session of our Cloud of Witness series. Please note this will follow our last Wednesday evening meal together for this semester. Our speakers are Mary Ida Gray, Robert Kahne, and Carolyn King. Come hear stories of their faith journeys as we continue this beloved program. We are in our eighth year of the series with plans to continue indefinitely. Hope you will join us on Wednesday night!

~ Bob Cunningham





## Holy Week and Easter Gratitude

What an incredible Holy Week and Easter morning we shared together, Highland! We are filled with gratitude for all the people who helped out in ways big and small to create sacred and meaningful spaces for our church and community throughout the week. For those who planned and prepared for our worship experiences, decorated and set up our spaces for various services and events, adorned the Easter cross with fresh flowers, prepared food and spaces of hospitality for our Easter breakfast, practiced long hours to share such beautiful music in worship, organized hundreds of Easter eggs, exchanged Easter eggs for goody bags, greeted and welcomed guests, cared for children during our services, prepared and printed worship bulletins, and more – this week would not have been possible without each of you. Thank you, thank you, Highland family. Christ is Risen indeed, within each of you and within our beloved community of faith!



## Join Us for Intergenerational Game Night!





## Congregational Conversation #2 is Coming Up



FROM YOUR  
STRATEGIC  
PLANNING  
COMMITTEE:

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# CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATION #2

YOUR VOICE MATTERS IN THE FUTURE OF  
HIGHLAND!

Facilitated by the Center for Congregational Health

SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2025  
FELLOWSHIP HALL

SUNDAY SCHEDULE WILL BE SLIGHTLY ALTERED.  
KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR FURTHER DETAILS.



Join Us for Kentuckiana Pride Night with Racing Louisville  
FC on June 6 at 7:30!



Highland has teamed up with 16 other open and affirming congregations and Racing Louisville FC to reserve **200 seatback tickets in Section 116** for the **June 6 match vs. Utah Royals**, in celebration of **Kentuckiana Pride Night**.

🔧 **Tickets are \$18.38 each (fees included)** and can be purchased directly via the link below.

📱 **Groups wanting to sit together** should have one person purchase tickets for the group and then distribute them through SeatGeek.

👉 [Racing Louisville Pride Night Tickets](#)

👉 [Pride Night T-Shirt Order Form](#)

## PRIDE NIGHT TEE SHIRT

Buttery soft tri-blend tshirt with 2 color print on front and a listing of all the open and affirming congregations participating in the event. Kids sizes are also available.

Order by May 15

**ORDER**

Suggested Price

**\$20**

Profits from shirt sales go to lgbtq+ non-profit

### Partnering congregations include:

Central Presbyterian, Kentuckiana Association UCC, Covenant Community, Middletown Christian, Christ Church Episcopal Cathedral, Crescent Hill Baptist, Strathmoor Presbyterian, Highland Presbyterian, Buechel Park Baptist, The Justice Center at All Peoples, Broadway Baptist, Ridgewood Baptist, Unity of Louisville, Highland Baptist, Calvary Episcopal, and more.

Let's fill the section with pride and presence!





Thank you for a wonderful year of fellowship meals together! Much gratitude to all those who planned our meals, shopped for the food, helped prepare it, and cleaned up afterward each week. Tomorrow night we will enjoy the last dinner for this semester and hope you are planning to join us!

**Final Wednesday Night Menu (for this semester):**

**April 30:** Pizza, Salad, Vegetable, 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**

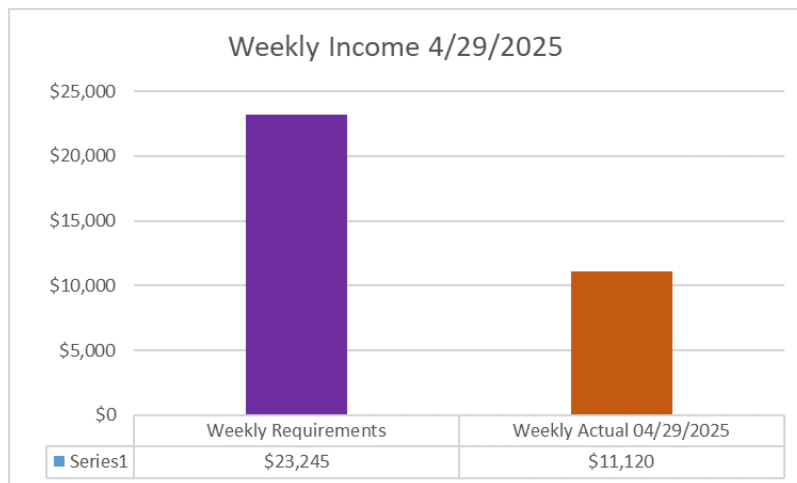


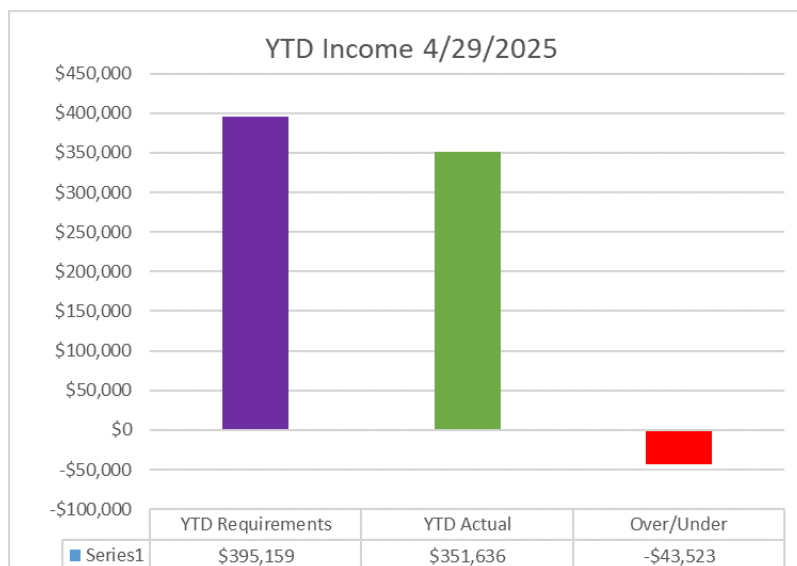
# Looking Ahead

- May 4: Meet Chris Caldwell, Interim Pastor Candidate, during morning worship  
Called Business Meeting via Zoom at 4:00 PM to vote on interim pastor candidate
- May 18: Intergenerational Game Night, Fellowship Hall, 4:30-7:30 PM
- May 21: Spring Orchestra Concert, 6:00 PM
- June 1: Congregational Conversation #2
- June 6: Kentuckiana Louisville Racing Pride Night, 7:30 PM
- July 12: Trivia Night & Dessert Auction for the Sacred Space Campaign, 7:00 PM - **note new date**
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## 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.

- Robert Auter, 37, killed April 8



- David Clark, 49, killed April 8
  - Mallory Cox, 37, killed April 8
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