



The Weekly Newsletter of Highland Baptist Church May 6, 2025

We are thrilled to announce that Highland voted unanimously on Sunday, May 4 to call Chris Caldwell as our Interim Pastor. Chris began serving in this role on May 5 and shares his first newsletter article [here](#).



Thanks from Chris

My thanks to everyone for the warm welcome you extended to me and to Jeanne this past Sunday. I've long respected what Highland is and who its people are, and having traveled in similar circles for many years, it was nice to reconnect with many people I already knew. But it was especially nice to begin hearing the rich individual stories that come together to form the tapestry of faith at Highland. I look forward to sharing in worship with you and serving alongside your ministry team and all who give of their time at Highland.



By way of introducing myself a bit more, here is an image of something that has long been on my desk. It's a replica of a Rodin sculpture called "The Cathedral." It looks a bit like the famous "Praying Hands," but that's not what it is. Rather than one person's right and left hands, it's two right hands coming together, which is why it has always been one of favorite images of a church. Thank you for allowing me to join my hands with yours for a season, and I look forward to all we'll do as we follow God together!

~ Chris Caldwell



Deacon Nomination Process Begins

Each year, our church nominates members to serve as Deacons at Highland. Our Deacons are not an “administrative board,” but rather servant leaders who invest themselves in the life of the church and care for our community of faith in a variety of ways. The deacon body is a blend of new and long-time Highland Baptist Church members, young, seasoned, and diverse. You are invited to nominate up to 10 people to serve as Deacons at Highland in the coming year. More information can be found on this [online nomination form](#).



For those who do not have online access, we ask that you call the church office to make your nominations (502-451-3735). Nominees are considered by a subgroup of deacons who then proposes a list of names to the congregation for approval. The nomination deadline is Wednesday, May 21.



Pastor Search Committee Update

Here are the members of the Pastor Search Committee approved by the congregation: Larry Gray, Robert Kahne, Amy Pacyga, Erin Phelps, Kathey Golightly Sanders, Jess Smith, Abbi Wolfe. Alternates are Diane Brewer and Ron Smith.

These folks are ready to get to work! They are an excellent and diverse group of people who will guide us through the journey of finding a new pastor. They will soon begin meeting on a regular basis. Please offer them prayers and patience as they go through this intentional and thoughtful process.



Join Us for Intergenerational Game Night!



Highland's Orchestra presents "A Dance Recital"



Have you ever been to a dance recital? Well, here's your chance! The Highland Baptist Church Orchestra will present their spring concert, "A Dance Recital," on Wednesday, May 21, at 6:00 PM in the sanctuary. From a Shaker dance to a waltz to a Ukranian folk dance, this program has it all. (Except actual dancers.) Join us for this lively program of music both light and serious. See you then!



Jean Janes Global Women's 50th Anniversary

The Jean Janes Global Women's Mission group is celebrating their 50th anniversary this month. The group began in May, 1975 with a group of mothers who met during their children's Wednesday evening programming. Four of those original members are still in the group: Carolyn Clement, Rose Marie Hawkins, Barbara Lee, and Wanda Nakdimen.



The group is named for Jean Janes, wife of Grundy Janes. Grundy grew up at HBC, and some remember him from that era. They served as missionaries in Chile from 1968-1995. Grundy was the director (headmaster) of the Colegio Bautista (a private high school) in Temuco; Jean taught English.

The Jean Janes group is best known around Highland for its annual yard sale, which has been held nearly every year for about 45 years (exceptions include 2020-2021 [Covid] and 2024 [construction]). The proceeds from this yard sale and other fundraisers over the years go towards mission work. We give to international, national, state, local, and church causes. A large part went to Chile for many years, providing scholarships, books, and uniforms to students at the Colegio. After the Janes' retirement, we started supporting many other causes, a few of which are:

- **International:** Sending supplies and money to Morocco; sending money to an orphanage in Ecuador so they could buy an oven to bake bread for their community; Kurdish orphan relief; Puerto Rico and Ukraine disaster relief; girls' dresses to Ecuador.
- **National:** Disaster relief in various states; dresses, bags, and money to Touching Miami with Love.
- **State:** Disaster and tornado relief; coats for Eastern KY students through Paula Settle; shoe box Christmas gifts for 4th grade boys in Appalachia through Scarlett Jasper; Christmas stockings for children of prisoners; direct monetary support to both Paula and Scarlett.
- **Local:** money to West End Boys school, Wayside, LaCasita, VOA, Down Syndrome Foundation; drawstring bags to Safe Place; food (and money) to Simmons College for their food pantry; personal

items to Central High School.

- **Highland Baptist Church:** Assisting youth over the years; Sunday bags for children; helping several of our college students with overseas mission work; donations to the budget and capitol campaigns.

The group meets the second Monday of each month, September through June, at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in joining us, we would love to have you.

~ Margie Brown



Congregational Conversation #2 is Coming Up

FROM YOUR
STRATEGIC
PLANNING
COMMITTEE:

**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!

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>

**Streaming
Worship
Links**



Looking Ahead

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| May 18: | Intergenerational Game Night, Young Adults and Cream of the Crop, 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 |
| June 22: | Quarterly Church Conference via Zoom, 4:00 PM |
| July 12: | Trivia Night & Dessert Auction for the Sacred Space Campaign, 7:00 PM - note new date |
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Remembering Colleen Clemons

When Bryce was seven years old, the Clemons family visited Highland, seeking a church where they could be a part of a Christian community together. They had tried other churches and regretfully been asked to leave due to issues related to his severe learning disabilities. Colleen, ever the advocate, brought her son into our lives.

Colleen and Jerry have been loving and faithful parents. Together they raised a gentle and kind soul in Bryce. Colleen could see intelligence and communication abilities in Bryce through a mother's love, opening our hearts and minds as well.

Many of us struggle with getting our children washed and dressed and to church on time. For well over three decades, the Clemons family managed to get here on so many Wednesdays and Sundays to ensure a faith based experience for their son and themselves. Neither a wheelchair for Colleen nor Bryce's challenges deterred her. Jerry's physical strength, sensitivity, patience and determination complimented Colleen's resolve. To say they have been a team is an understatement.

Over the years, Bryce has been accepted and loved by his peers -- children, youth, young adults, and the rest of us. Volunteers made this happen as they "walked with Bryce" throughout this building, in our sacred spaces. Colleen ensured that Bryce felt a true sense of value and purpose as he stood at the doors of the nursery to watch and pray for the little ones.

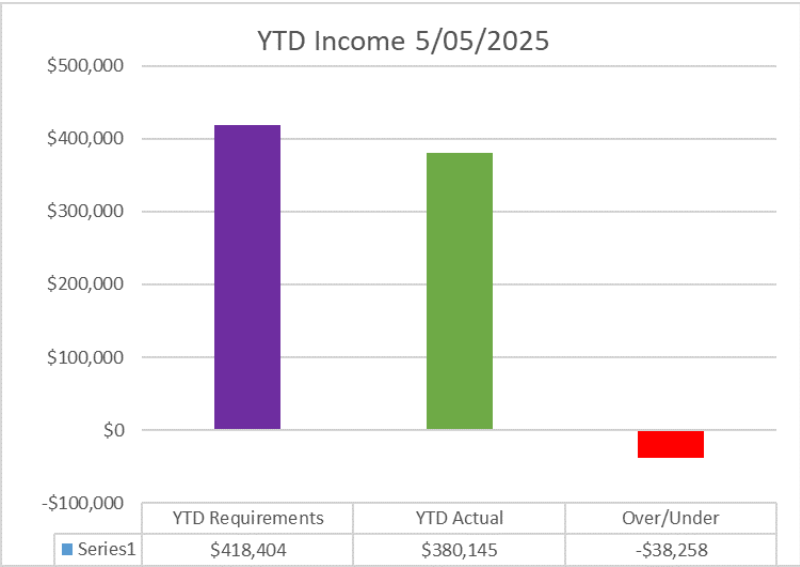
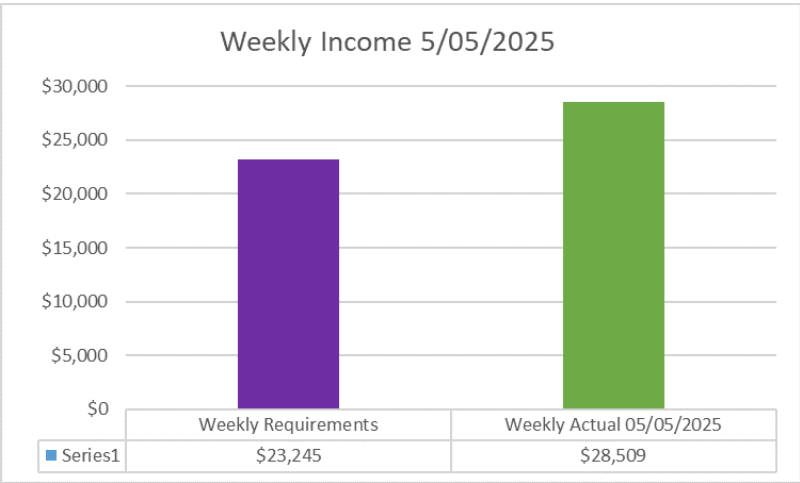
It is impossible to overstate the impact the Clemons family have had on so many in our church. Many of us have experienced Christ-like moments as we learned to love in different ways. We learned to find the goodness in others, as we accepted and embraced those differences.

We are and always will be grateful to Colleen for bringing her dear family to worship with us. Thank you, Colleen.

~ Terri Connolly



Financial Reports



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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.

- Justin Johnson, 37, killed April 11
 - Wayne Woods, 43, killed April 13
 - Jose Leonardo Martinez-Perez, 24, killed April 19
 - Bryant Johnson, 35, killed April 20
 - Jeremiah Smith, 19, killed April 25
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