



The Weekly Newsletter of Highland Baptist Church May 13, 2025



Join Us for Congregational Conversation #2

Thanks to all who participated in the recent Highland Baptist Church "Reputation Assessment" survey. We had a remarkable response about how Highland can enhance and advance its reputation moving forward. We received and value your insights and wisdom. Results of the survey will be shared at the Congregational Conversation on June 1.

FROM YOUR
STRATEGIC
PLANNING
COMMITTEE:



CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATION #2

YOUR VOICE MATTERS IN THE FUTURE OF
HIGHLAND!

Facilitated by the Center for Congregational Health

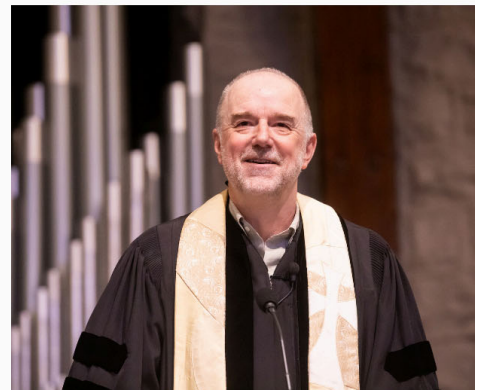
SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2025
FELLOWSHIP HALL

Further Details:

On Sunday June 1 we will meet in Fellowship Hall at 8:45 AM in place of our regular early worship service. Together we will learn all the information about our church that we have compiled so far. There will be an opportunity to respond to the information and prioritize our growth areas. Childcare and breakfast goodies will be provided.

We will adjourn this time of conversation at 11:00 AM and will regather at 11:15 in the Sanctuary for a time of worship and communion.

All are welcome for this unique opportunity to share our dreams together!



Deacon Nomination Process Continues

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). Paper ballots are also available on Sundays. 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.

Congratulations to Our High School Graduates!

What a joy it was to celebrate our graduating seniors this past Sunday in worship! If you haven't had a chance to do so yet, make sure to let this group know how proud you are of them! To Elliot, Max, Hannah, and Quinn, we are incredibly proud of you!



Here is the blessing we prayed over our graduates during the service. May this be our prayer for this group as they continue their educational journeys and explore who they are and who God has created them to be.



O Lord, you have instilled in these graduates an insatiable curiosity about your world, your people, and your earth.

This curiosity, this thirst for truth, has led them here to this place,

and we are so grateful for the privilege to hold them close

as they grew, struggled, discovered, and flourished.

Elliot, Max, Hannah, and Quinn:

As you move into your next chapter, know that we hold you in our hearts, and that you carry this community with you.

We commission you to go forth from this place

as the light of the world and the salt of the earth.

You have formed us and we are a better community because of your presence.

As God sent the Holy Spirit to the disciples at Pentecost, God sends the Spirit with you to empower you, to strengthen your faith, and to comfort you in all that will come. Amen.

~ Justin Sizemore



Jean Janes Global Women's 50th Anniversary

The Jean Janes Global Women's Mission Group celebrated their 50th anniversary with a banquet Monday night, including both current and former members.



The group is named for Jean Janes, wife of Grundy Janes. Grundy grew up at Highland, and some remember him from that era. Jean and Grundy served as missionaries in Chile from 1968-1995.

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. The proceeds from this yard sale and other fundraisers over the years go towards mission work of various kinds. They give to international, national, state, local, and church causes.



**These are the four remaining charter members of the Jean Janes Mission Group
L to R: Carolyn Clement, Barbara Lee, Rose Hawkins, Wanda Nakdimen**

The group meets the second Monday of each month, September through June, at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. They invite anyone interested to join them!



Join Us for Intergenerational Game Night



Highland Baptist Church Pride T-Shirts - Order by Sunday!

HBC Pride Tee



\$15

Kids

\$20

Adults

Order by
midnight
May 18th!

Printed on a super soft
tri-blend royal blue shirt

ORDER



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!

~ Bruce Maples

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!

A Word of Thanks!

I extend a heartfelt word of appreciation to a group of volunteers who last weekend spent time in and around the building working on several Property and Space projects. Mark Golightly Sanders led a team that consisted of Drew Harston, Jason Baker, Justin Boldt, Charlie Suer, and Larry Davis, who worked on reorganizing a storage area, limbing up some trees in the front of the Educational building, and reclaiming the Commons. Many, many thanks to this crew for their amazing work.

~Walter McWhorter

[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**

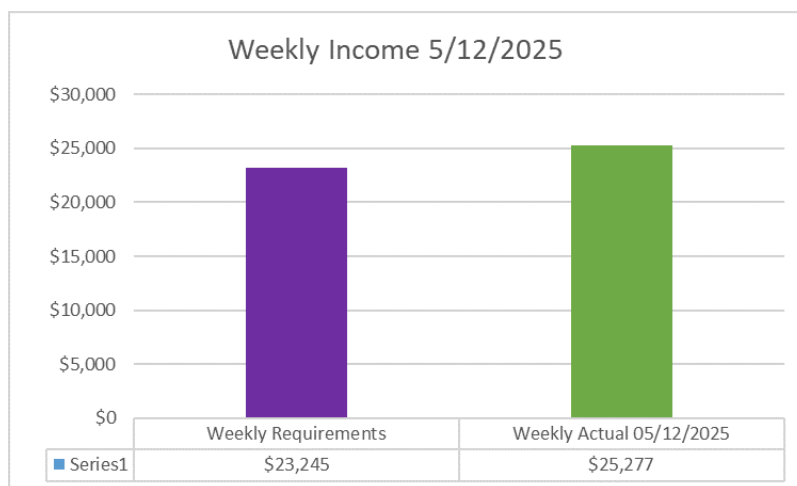


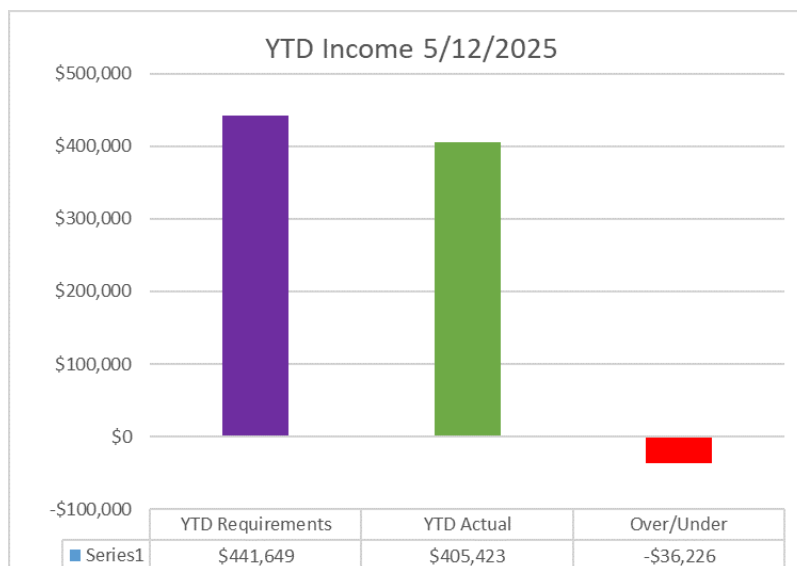
Looking Ahead

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 - see article above for details
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



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.



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