



## The Weekly Newsletter of Highland Baptist Church August 5, 2025

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### Choir Members Return from England



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The members of Highland's Sanctuary Choir are home and joyfully recalling the memories of singing thrilling sacred music in two beautiful spaces! What an honor it was! Many thanks to John Dickson for directing our Louisville choir, and all the choir members of Highland who practiced so faithfully and led so confidently.



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The quire stalls of Winchester where Coro Louisville sang a lunch concert and a Choral Evensong



St. George's Chapel at Windsor



Winchester Cathedral

~ Paul Henderson



## Highland Welcomes New Members



Navy Ross Azevedo joined on August 3



Brandy Hack and Nathan Cole joined on July 18



Join us in celebrating “Gather 'Round” this Sunday as we worship together and kick-off the fall semester! In worship, we will officially welcome our new Kindergarteners and recognize our 6th graders who have recently joined the youth group. After the 11:15 service, we will enjoy picnic lunches on the lawn. The cost is \$7 per person with a \$21 family maximum (you may pay online or at the event). You're also welcome to bring your own food for lunch. [Here's the link to sign up!](#) If you have any problems with the link, please call the church office at (502) 451-3735.

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## Wednesday Night Dinners Begin Next Week!



**We need your help!** Last year, volunteers stepped up and created Wednesday night dinners *without* using a caterer. We saved *thousands* of dollars! Being good stewards, though, comes with a cost. We need more volunteers! Please consider serving one Wednesday night per month in one of these 3 ways:

1. **Bring Dessert (3 more volunteers needed)** Provide 3-4 dozen servings of dessert. They can be dropped off in advance or brought to church by at least 4:45 PM on Wednesday.
2. **Prep & Set Up (3 more volunteers needed)** Help prepare and set up food. Work begins around 4:00PM.
3. **Dry Dishes (4 more volunteers needed)** Help with dish drying and cleanup. Work begins around 5:45PM.

If you would like to volunteer or have questions about the different roles, please contact Kathy Belcher, 502-216-6471 or [klblecher53@gmail.com](mailto:klblecher53@gmail.com).

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**Make your reservation!** Wednesday Night Suppers begin August 13 and we ask everyone to make a reservation so that we have an accurate count for meal preparation. **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. Meal costs are \$10 per person, \$5 for children, with a maximum of \$25 per family. Dinners can be [paid online here](#), by check, or cash at the door. We encourage you to take advantage of this great opportunity for intergenerational fellowship!

**Menu for August 13: Pizza, salad, fire roasted veggies, dessert**

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## **Children's Choirs Return on August 13**

It's time to fill Highland's second floor with the sounds of children playing! From walking toddlers holding the hand of a parent, to the confidence of a fifth grader remembering past music skills, our top floor holds the energy, movement, noise, and music making from both children and adults each Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:15 p.m. Come and join in the fun!



Families, you should have received a flier in the mail. If you need additional information, please reach out to [Kathy Collier](#), Children's Choir Coordinator. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, August 13, 6:00 p.m. All are welcome!

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## **Changes in Parking at 2120 Grinstead Drive (Foree House) Parking Lot**

As part of the sale of 2120 Grinstead Drive, Highland Baptist Church has secured an easement for our continued use of a designated portion of the parking area. However, there are four parking spots expressly exempted from the easement and shall remain for the exclusive use of the new owners or inhabitants of 2120 Grinstead Drive at all times. This became effective July 31, 2025.



The area available to HBC for parking includes the seven spots along the retaining wall closest to the alley and the two parallel spots closest to the alley. We have placed temporary markings to indicate which spots are reserved before a more permanent option is in place, but you may also refer to the map above. Please help us in being respectful neighbors.

*~ Justin Boldt*



## Strategic Planning Committee Update

July was a bit of a hiatus for our committee with lots of travel and vacations happening. However, work has been happening behind the scenes.

After the last Congregational Conversation in June, we broke out our strategic planning into the following Subgroups and assigned Team Leads.

### Topic

Leadership & Organizational Structure  
Faith Formation, Community, and Fun  
Communications  
Financial Sustainability  
Faith in Action

### Team Leads

Angela Dennison and Margaret Pennington  
Troy Burden  
Carolyn King and Casey Boggs  
Scott Schaftlein  
Sam Potter and Jim England

If you completed a form after our last Conversation stating which area interests you, someone should have contacted you to participate in an August planning meeting on your selected topic.

If you have not been contacted but wish to be part of a smaller planning group to create specific goals and objectives, please contact the church office (502-451-3735) or one of the individuals listed above.

We are creating a vibrant, faith-filled, and fun-filled future together!

~ Carolyn King, Strategic Planning Chair

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The Spirit of God has been at work in Friday Church! You are invited to participate with this diverse community of faith at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary and through the Friday Church Facebook page. The sermon schedule for August is:

- August 8: Sam Potter (Highland deacon)
- August 15: Richard Lockette (St. Stephens minister)
- August 22: George Mayes (recently retired from Quinn Chapel; gospel recording artist)
- August 29: Chris Caldwell (Highland Interim Pastor)

~ Bill Campbell

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## Deacon Nominees

Continuing each Sunday, we will have the opportunity in worship to hear from those who have been nominated to serve as deacons this coming year as they share their faith stories. In addition, we will learn more about them each week in the newsletter.

Those nominated are: Randy Biery, Diane Brewer, Mary Cooksey, Scott Gunter, David Hartley, Becca Jagers, Larry Marcum, Vicki Runnion, Becky Smith, and Tyler Swim.

We are excited about the gifts each of these individuals bring and grateful for their willingness to serve in this capacity. We will vote on these folks on Sunday, August 17.



DAVID HARTLEY

I am honored to have been asked to serve as a deacon once again. After meeting my partner, Jerry Burske, and eventually marrying him, we settled here at Highland and have been members around 20 years. Most of you know my Jerry went home to God in February, 2023.

I have been active with the Nomads Bible study class, as Jerry and I helped start it. I have served with the New Members' Ministry Group, Hospitality, and recently have been asked to serve with the Cream of the Crop Seniors' Group.

On Thursdays, I volunteer in the church office. I am a semi-retired funeral director, having been in this profession all of my life. Since Jerry has been gone, friends occupy a lot of my free time. I love to travel, especially on cruises. My dog Einstein never lets me stray too far, as he is my constant companion. Dog parents can relate!

I love Highland Baptist Church and look forward to Sunday mornings. Again, I appreciate the opportunity you have given me to serve as your deacon, and I look forward to the tasks ahead.



TYLER SWIM

My name is Tyler Swim and I'll be entering my third stint as deacon. I'm 38 years old and have spent my entire life here at Highland, minus the four years I was away at college.

I'm recently married to my amazing wife McKenzie Cantrell. I'm a member of The Gray Area Bible study class and am also an active volunteer with our amazing youth group.

I'm a licensed clinical social worker and currently work as a mental health practitioner at a JCPS elementary school.

~ Robin Ramsay Lee, Deacon Chair



## Cream of the Crop Picnic Luncheon

Join us on Wednesday, August 13, 2025 at Noon in the Fellowship Hall. We will enjoy potluck picnic fare,

with meat provided.

Please bring school supplies for donation to the Shelby School Resource Room.

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**“Know Your Rights” and Other Immigration Resources - For Worshiping Communities**

**August 5: 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm**  
**Highland Baptist Church (in the sanctuary)**  
**1101 Cherokee Road Louisville, KY 40204**  
**Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/HBC-KYR>**

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## Cream of the Crop Sponsored Mission Opportunity



**Here is a mission opportunity for everyone!** Join Ginny Sims and others Monday, August 11 from 10:00-12:00 at [SOS – Health and Hope](#) to learn about this organization and sort supplies. SOS transforms discarded medical items into useable items for both local and international needs. SOS is located at 1500 Arlington Ave.

If you'd like to help, contact Ginny Sims [by email here](#) or phone (812) 987-2665 by August 9.

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## Crescent Hill Baptist Church Lecture Series

# William M. Johnson Lecture Series

## Hope in an Age of Cruelty & Despair



KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Rev. Cody J.  
Sanders

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF  
CONGREGATIONAL &  
COMMUNITY CARE  
LEADERSHIP AT LUTHER  
SEMINARY

REGISTER HERE



📅 **AUGUST 16**

🕒 **1:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

📍 **CRESCENT HILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
2800 FRANKFORT AVE., LOUISVILLE, KY**

### WITH GUEST PANELISTS



**REV. ERICA  
WHITAKER**  
Moderator,  
Professor & Director of  
Development, BSK  
Theological Seminary



**DR. LEWIS BROGDON**  
Executive Director of  
the Institute for Black  
Church Studies, BSK  
Theological Seminary



**DR. ANNA BOWDEN**  
Associate Professor of  
New Testament,  
Louisville Presbyterian  
Theological Seminary



**REV. DR. BRIAN  
HENDERSON**  
Executive Director,  
Association of  
Welcoming and  
Affirming Baptists



**HON. JERRY ABRAMSON**  
Former Louisville Mayor,  
Lt. Governor, Special  
Advisor to President  
Barack Obama



**DR. JASON JORDAN**  
Chair of the School of  
Clinical Mental Health  
Counseling,  
Spalding University

An upcoming lecture series will take place at Crescent Hill Baptist Church on **Saturday, August 16, 2025, 1:00-6:00 PM**. The topic of this year's lecture series is, "Hope in an Age of Cruelty & Despair".

Tickets are \$25 per person. Fees may apply. **The deadline to register is August 15.**

Register Here: [Hope in an Age of Cruelty & Despair Tickets, Sat, Aug 16, 2025 at 1:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

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**Click Here for Church Signup Links**

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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

- Tonight: "Know Your Rights" Training, 6:30-8:30 PM
- August 10: Gather 'Round
- August 11: SOS Mission Event, 10:00 AM - Noon
- August 13: Cream of the Crop Picnic Luncheon, Noon, Fellowship Hall
- August 13: Wednesday Evening Activities Resume and Cloud of Witness  
with Paige Harlow, Bruce Maples, Larry Marcum
- August 16: Crescent Hill Baptist Church Lecture Series, 1:00-6:00 PM
- August 17: Vote for Deacon Nominees
- October 10-12: Fall Unstructured Women's Retreat - contact Ginger Miller at 502-599-6569



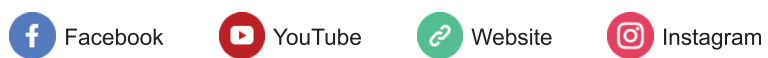
## Financial Reports Return Next Week

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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