



## The Weekly Newsletter of Highland Baptist Church August 12, 2025

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### Youth Ministry Update

It's been great to see so many swinging into action to assure Highland's youth ministry stays strong during a time of transition.

- Our team of Sunday morning volunteers continue to teach.
- Volunteers have stepped up to lead the youth spiritual formation time on Wednesday evenings.
- John Bell has volunteered his time as a therapist to lead Sunday evening sessions with parents to discuss the hopes and challenges of youth ministry at HBC.
- The Personnel Ministry Group is searching for a person or persons to cover areas that had been led by Justin. I also appreciate the Youth Ministry Group helping to shape plans.
- A youth pool party is coming right up and more activities are in the works.

Others are coming together to make plans for our young adult ministry, another vital area of ministry led by Justin, and all staff members are all picking up a few more duties that had been handled by Justin, because everyone on staff has additional areas that require attention by paid staff that go beyond their primary area or areas of focus.

Thank you everyone who is stepping up!

~ Chris Caldwell

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Around Highland  
August 10, 2025



# Highland Welcomes New Member



**Arielle Carter joined on August 8**

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## **Plan Driving Route - Ironman Competition this Sunday**

This Sunday, August 17, the annual Ironman Triathlon will take place in Louisville, and portions of the race will limit access to Highland. Due to the race, Lexington Road/Grinstead Drive access will be limited, if not closed. Please allow extra time for travel and plan to approach Highland via Bardstown Road instead.

[Click here for maps and details.](#) Thank you!

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## **Wednesday Night Dinners Begin Tomorrow Night**



**Welcome back to Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinners!** 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 each 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!

### **August Menus**

**August 20:** Taco Bar, Black Beans, Mexican Street Corn, Chips, Salsa, Dessert

**August 27:** Fried/Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls, Dessert

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**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 email [Kathy Belcher](#), or phone her at 502-216-6471.

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## Children's Choirs Begin!

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 PM. 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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## Cloud of Witness Series Continues



Join us this Wednesday evening at 6:00 PM for the 44th session of our Cloud of Witness series. Our speakers are Paige Harlow and Larry Marcum. 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!

*~ Bob Cunningham*

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# Children and Youth Gather Round



On Gather Round Sunday, our children and youth kicked off their new Bible study year! Our children and youth areas were buzzing with life and energy, as our third grade children received their new Bibles in class, our 6th grade youth attended youth Bible study for the first time, and our preschool children were oriented to the rhythms of our Godly Play classroom. We are thankful for the children and families who call Highland home, and we are deeply grateful for the many teachers who will be nurturing our children's faith lives in the coming year!

*~ Renee Purtlebaugh*

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## Join Us at Friday Church!

"Sometimes a light surprises," the hymn writer of old wrote. Sometimes God breaks in when or where we least expect. At Friday Church, we celebrate God's great love for all, and God the creator who is not done yet. Yesterday, a couple of Easter lilies bloomed for a second time in front of the church as if to trumpet that God of Easter is still our God. This Friday, August 15, Rev. Richard Lockett of St. Stephen Baptist Church will deliver the message. We begin at 7:00 PM and welcome you to join us.



*~ Bill Campbell*

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## Cream of the Crop Picnic Luncheon

Join us 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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## 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](#)

# Save the Date

## Woven Together

Support HCM on Give for Good Day  
Over \$10,000 in matches & challenges  
to boost your gift on September 18th!



Highlands  
Community  
Ministries

grow. heal. play.

Mark your calendars and help  
raise \$25,000 for HCM programs



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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

- August 13: Cream of the Crop Picnic Luncheon, Noon, Fellowship Hall  
August 13: Wednesday Evening Activities Resume and Cloud of Witness  
with Paige Harlow and Larry Marcum  
August 16: Crescent Hill Baptist Church Lecture Series, 1:00-6:00 PM  
August 17: Vote for Deacon Nominees  
August 22-23: Deacon Retreat  
August 24: Deacon Ordination Service, Sanctuary, 6:00 PM  
October 10-12: Fall Unstructured Women's Retreat - contact Ginger Miller at 502-599-6569
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## 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.**

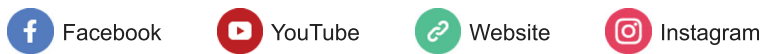




## Louisville Homicides

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.

- Joseph Smyzer, 60, killed July 13
  - Thymes Gentry, 16, killed July 15
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