

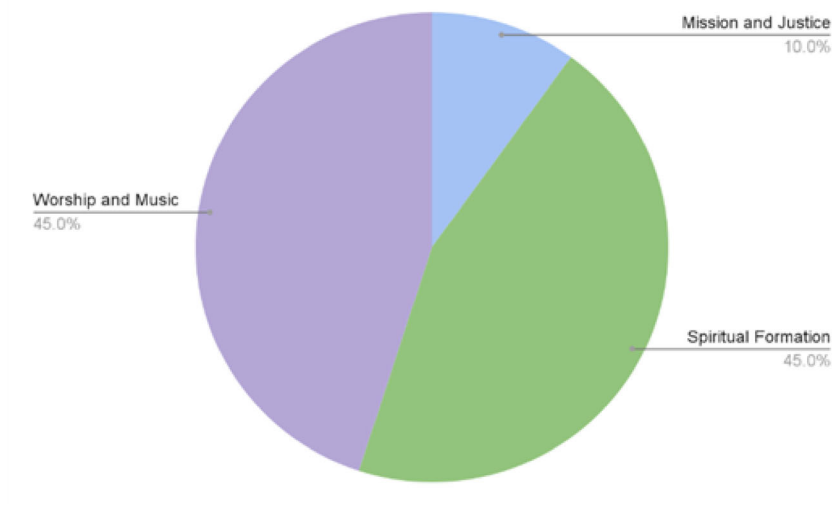


The Weekly Newsletter of Highland Baptist Church September 3, 2025

For Such a Time as This: Highland's Faithful Giving Season in Preparation for 2026!

Let us enter this season of giving full of intention and love for the work God will do through Highland's ministries in 2026. The Faithful Giving Ministry Group has begun presenting testimonials concerning Worship and Music, congregational care of Children and Youth, along with Mission and Justice in the coming weeks. A three-four page Ministry Plan, which tracks the impact your dollars have, will be delivered during this season with information concerning the budget and its details.

For this year's Ministry Plan, we looked at how our buildings are used and how we allocate our salaries. Broadly speaking, here is where Highland is investing the \$1.34 million dollars in the 2025 church budget in ministry.



In 2026, the combined estimated cost of ministry in the areas of Worship and Music, Spiritual Formation, and Mission and Justice, based on current ministry spending levels, will be similar to 2025—around \$1.3 million dollars.

Your financial contributions are crucial in driving Highland Baptist Church and its ministries forward. Programs —like Wednesday night music opportunities for children, support of mission-focused Kentucky Refugee Ministries (KRM), and creating a safe space for youth to gather—all have a price, and your dollars directly impact these services.

Together, we can continue to create a vibrant, supportive, and faith-filled community. Thank you for your continued support and involvement.

In faith and service,

~ *Faithful Giving Ministry Group*

Thomas Bolton, Tracy Holladay, Kelsey Grizzle Kahne, Hollie Spade;
Staff Liaisons – Chris Caldwell, Renee Purtlebaugh



Louisville Pride Festival

Join *True Colors*, Highland's LGBTQ+ ministry group, as we celebrate love, inclusion, and community at this year's Louisville Pride Festival this Saturday, September 6, from 11:00 AM to 10:00 PM. Highland's booth will be open until 8:00 PM.

Come by, say hello, and show your support. Let's show up loud and proud for our LGBTQ+ family and help make this year's Louisville Pride celebration unforgettable!

~ Megan Fuller



Quarterly Church Conference this Sunday

We will have our online Quarterly Church Conference on Sunday at 4:00 PM via Zoom. In addition to our usual reports, we will elect a moderator and church clerk, hear updates about our HVAC system and Sacred Space renovation project, Ministry Budget and Sacred Space Finances, Strategic Planning, and an update from the Pastor Search Committee. We will send an email with all the details and Zoom link later this week.



Hear our Chorister Choir next Wednesday Night

The writer of Proverbs tells us that pleasant words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body. Our Chorister Choir (grades K – 5th grade) have learned this to be true through a new anthem for children, *Pleasant Words Are a Honeycomb*. This fun song reminds us how politeness and kind words are also ways to build a sweet honeycomb with those around us.



Please join us in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, September 10, 6:10 PM. We look forward to sharing our music with you!

~ Kathy Collier, Children's Choir Coordinator

Last Week at Friday Church



Cream of the Crop Travels to Midway



For its next lunch gathering, the Cream of the Crop invites you to the Brown Barrel in Midway. They will meet together to enjoy fellowship and food on Tuesday, September 30 at 12:00 Noon. If you would like to attend, please call Paul Henderson at (502) 451-3735 or [email him here](#). We hope you can join the fun!

~ Paul Henderson



Join Us for Wednesday Night Dinners



We hope you can join us for 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!

September Menus

September 3: BBQ Pork, Mac & Cheese, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Dessert

September 10: Baked Ziti, Steamed Vegetables, Salad, Bread Sticks, Dessert

September 17: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Steamed Vegetables, Salad, Dessert

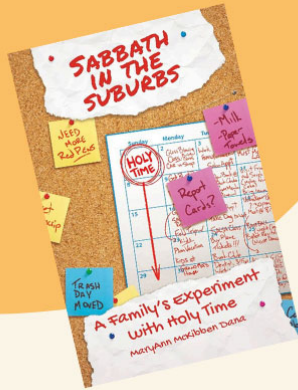
September 24: Soup, Salad, Cornbread, Dessert



Highland Families with Children

Parent Chat:

Join us for a discussion of the book, Sabbath in the Suburbs



Wednesday, September 17
6:00 PM

Free copies of the book are
available for each family on
the second floor



Just Creations Board Opportunities

Do you support Fair Trade? Like shopping local? Enjoy being a part of a community that is helping to make the world a better place? If any of these speak to you, then *Just Creations*, Louisville's Fair Trade Marketplace, wants to talk to you! We are seeking new members for the Board of Directors. Volunteers with an interest in finance, development, community engagement, and communications would be appreciated. Meetings are monthly with special events throughout the year. For more information email [Joan Frisz here](#) or at (502) 897-7319. Information sessions will be held in September and October. Inquiry deadline is September 20, 2025.

[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

- September 3: Parable Series with Chris Caldwell continues on Wednesday at 6:15 PM
- September 6: Highland Booth at Louisville Pride Festival, 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM
- September 7: Quarterly Church Conference on Zoom, 4:00 PM
- September 17: Parent Chat with Children's Families, 6:00 PM
- September 30: Cream of the Crop Lunch at the Brown Barrel, Midway, 12:00 Noon
- October 10-12: Fall Women's Retreat (unstructured) - contact Ginger Miller at 502-599-6569



Giving to Highland

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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