



The Weekly Newsletter of Highland Baptist Church September 9, 2025

For Such a Time as This . . . Worship and Music

Highland's Faithful Giving Season in Preparation for 2026

Highland Baptist Church prioritizes meaningful and high-quality worship experiences that draw us nearer to God and to one another. We seek to create a sacred environment where everyone feels welcome, safe, and loved, whether joining us in the pew or online.



With arts programs often cut in public schools, Highland offers free Wednesday night sacred music instruction to enrich our community. Our sanctuary choir, handbell choir, and orchestra offer participants the opportunity to use their musical gifts regularly, creating vital connections necessary for building a strong, spiritually grounded community of faith—which is at the heart of our ministries.



Your financial support helps us achieve this intentionality, making space for us to be fully in tune with God's dream for our church and our world. We deeply value what you give, recognizing its significance in our community.

Your financial contributions are crucial in driving Highland Baptist Church and its ministries forward. Please support the hours and hours of given time it takes to prepare Sunday morning worship, a Christmas concert, or a children's music experience.

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



An Update from our Interim Pastor

I have three quick items to share with you.

First, the Personnel Ministry Group, which has the responsibility of hiring interim staff members, has selected Rev. John Kubar as the Interim Associate Pastor to Youth. John is an ordained PCUSA minister who most recently served as an Associate Pastor and led the youth ministry at Anchorage Presbyterian Church. In his interview, John displayed a passion for working with youth, and we feel he is an ideal person to step into this role at this time. This is a part-time position at 25-28 hours per week. John will begin his time with us on September 15, and we will be sharing more about him and his family in next week's newsletter.

Second, please be sure to watch for the 2026 Ministry Plan which will be emailed soon. It explains our ministries in ways that might give you a new appreciation for Highland. For example, did you know we

make a \$90,000 in-kind contribution to our community every year? Please read the Ministry Plan to learn more, and please be considering your level of ministry support through giving in 2026.

Third, I'll be leading a four-week Sunday afternoon small group beginning October 12. Members from Broadway Baptist Church will also be in the group, which will meet both here and at Broadway. [Here's a link](#) for information about the book, written by Baptist Seminary of Kentucky professor Lewis Brogdon.

Glad to be serving alongside you,

~ Chris Caldwell



Chorister Choir to Sing this Wednesday Night!

*Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul
and healing to the bones. Tell me a honeycomb!*



Highland's Chorister Choir invites everyone to the Fellowship Hall this Wednesday evening, September 10, at 6:10 PM to hear the delightful children's anthem, *Pleasant Words Are a Honeycomb*. Our opening weeks of choir have been filled with music, scripture, and reminders of polite phrases we can use every day. We also want to thank the Schaftlein family for the *beelicious* honey! Everyone enjoyed tasting honey from their back yard last week and tomorrow night during our dinner hour, Lauren Swim and Kim Waller's desserts will have their honey as a very important ingredient.

~ Kathy Collier, Children's Choir Coordinator



Considering Matthew Shepard in October

Members of Highland's Sanctuary Choir along with members of Voices of Kentuckiana will join forces to present *Considering Matthew Shepard* at Actors Theatre on Friday, October 10 at 7:30 PM and Sunday, October 12 at 2:30 PM. The entire three-part oratorio told through poetry, historical accounts, choral and solos singing, is a powerful and compassionate response to the brutal murder of Matthew Shephard, a gay college student from Wyoming in the fall of 1998. Recommended for teens and above. Ticket

information is coming soon!

~ Paul Henderson



Thanks to my wife, Diane Endicott, and to Mike Mudd, Debbie Hoover, Casey and Nicole Boggs, Zivan Holloway, Greg Clark, Jim England, Eric, Amanda and Sophie Watson, and Vance and Missy Smith and Gabriel Heeke for taking time on Saturday to volunteer at the Louisville Pride Festival. For some of these folks, this was their first time representing Highland at our booth, while others have previously volunteered.

I also want to thank Tara Becker for making over 800 Pride bracelets last year for us to give away at Louisville Pride. We had some left over this year and gave them away at the Pride parade and this past Saturday's event. We had a young woman come to our booth wearing one from last year's festival who told us she never takes it off.

Finally, I'd like to give a special shoutout to Megan Fuller! She ordered the best stickers/swag for us to give out at our events and always helped me if I needed her. It's been a pleasure organizing and planning

LGBTQIA events over the past two years.

~ Kim Clark-Endicott, outgoing chair of True Colors Ministry



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

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

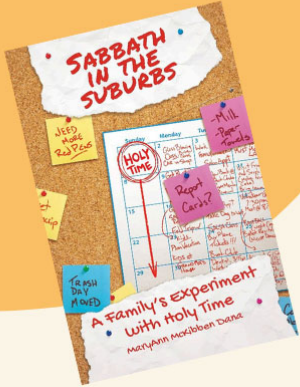
September 24: Soup, Salad, Cornbread, Dessert



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

[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>

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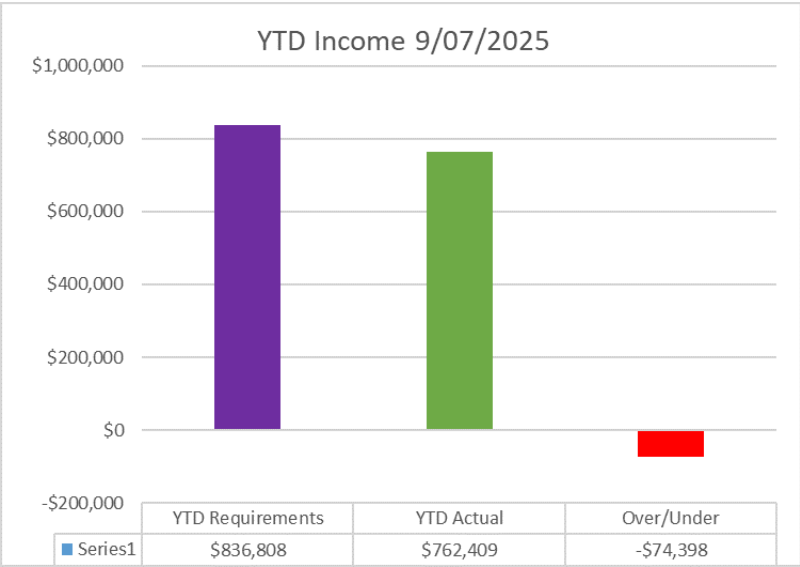
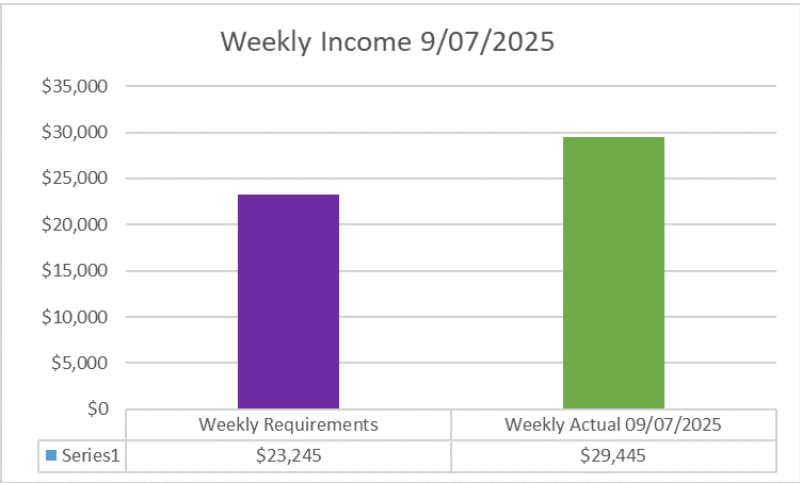


Looking Ahead

September 10: Parable Series with Chris Caldwell continues on Wednesday at 6:15 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



Financial Reports



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and open the link or use the QR code below.

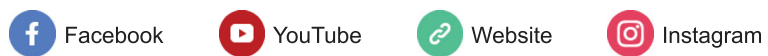




Louisville Homicides

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.

- Laura Ellis DeBoer, 41, killed July 15
 - Michael Johnson, 41, killed July 19
 - Devon Jefferson, 28, killed July 22
 - Curtis Taylor, 20, killed July 24
 - Jeremy Thomas, 48, killed August 19
 - Patrick Brents, 30, killed August 25
 - Ashley Latham, 36, killed September 1
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