



The Weekly Newsletter of Highland Baptist Church October 21, 2025

An Update on Financial Commitments Toward Highland's 2026 Ministry Plan

As our season of faithful giving toward [Highland's 2026 Ministry Plan](#) continues, we are deeply grateful to everyone who has made a financial commitment so far. Over the past 5 weeks, we have received 111 pledges totaling \$698,896 to date toward our \$1.3 million goal. This reflects 12 new pledges, as well as 99 renewed pledges. We've also received \$11,300 in additional pledges toward our Sacred Space Capital Campaign.

If you haven't yet made your pledge, it's not too late! Contact [Kathleen Gordon](#) in the church office or [use our online form](#) via the church's website.

~ Renee Purtlebaugh



Join Us for Cloud of Witness this Wednesday

Bob Cunningham continues this remarkable series interviewing our beloved Highland "saints-in-process." Join us this Wednesday at 6:15 PM in the sanctuary for Bob's conversation with Chris Caldwell, Mary Cooksey, and Bruce Maples.



Highlights Class for Visitors and New Members on November 9

If you are new to Highland, whether as a new member or visitor, please join us on Sunday, November 9 from 12:30-3:00 PM for our Highlights Class in the Fellowship Hall. This brief overview of Highland provides lunch and space to meet with fellow newcomers, as well as long-time congregants.

We will hear from one another what brings us to this wonderful and unique community of faith, and we will learn a bit more about what it means to be a progressive Baptist. Attending the Highlights Class is also a requirement for membership at Highland. If you plan to join us, please RSVP to [Cheryl Davis](#) as soon as possible. Childcare will be available with a reservation.

Offering for Global Mission

We continue to collect our Offering for Global Mission during October. This year's theme is **Embracing Neighbors, Nurturing Hope**.



CBF Global Mission mobilizes field personnel to share the love and compassion of Christ in 13 countries around the world. Responding to God's call and empowered by the Holy Spirit, field personnel cultivate beloved community, bear witness to Christ, and seek transformational development among people who have been forgotten and forsaken by others. Our field personnel serve alongside congregations and local ministry partners within three primary contexts: global poverty, global migrations, and the global church.

As CBF Global Mission innovates for the 21st century, they have implemented an exciting new funding model for mission. The Offering for Global Mission secures the long-term presence of all CBF field personnel, providing salary, housing, and benefits; field personnel then raise support from friends, family, churches and other partners to fund their mission programming.



Highland's goal this year is \$7,500. You may contribute to the Offering for Global Mission by using an offering envelope found in the pews (identifying your contribution as going for Global Mission) or via the [Highland website](#). By giving to this offering, you join thousands of others as we collectively support the work of our field personnel around the world.

~ Robert Davis



An Invitation from the Anti-Racism Team

Dr. Mario Ransan, founder of the Louisville Solidarity Project, will be speaking to Highland's Anti-Racism Team on Tuesday, October 28 at 6:30 PM in the Commons. All Highland members are cordially invited to attend.

The Louisville Solidarity Project is a grassroots coalition of 24 schools and 37 nonprofits whose mission is to build coalitions at both the national and local levels to serve communities that have been negatively impacted by national, state, and local government policies. Dr. Ransan is a social studies teacher at Southern High School and a member of the Jefferson County Teachers Association Board of Directors. With his colleagues at Southern, JCPs students, and volunteers from Central Presbyterian Church, where Dr. Ransan is an active member, the Louisville Solidarity Project helped over 2,000 of our immigrant neighbors struggling with food insecurity over the spring and summer of 2025.

The Solidarity Network is currently working on building capacity to serve an even greater number of Louisvillians, as struggling families lose SNAP benefits and local organizations face dwindling resources, as well as developing systems to respond to a growing ICE presence in Louisville.

~ Nancy Goodhue



A Fall Night at the Farm

What could be better than a fall October night at the farm?! Last Saturday, Highland's children and their families gathered for a delightful evening at the home of Jesse and Esther Dansby-McClain for a hayride, jumping and climbing the hay bales, roasting hot dogs over the fire, outdoor games, and creating the perfect s'more. We are so very grateful for their hospitality, as well as the most perfect weather, that allowed us to spend time making delightful memories while relishing in God's good creation!

Fall Night at the Farm



Free to a Good Home

Do you have space for a well-loved china cabinet? The piece pictured below (it's actually one unit with the top temporarily removed) can be yours if you'll haul it away from the church. It's currently located in the front corner of the Fellowship Hall for optimal viewing. If you're interested, [please contact me](#) and this piece of Highland history could be yours!



~ Walter McWhorter



Senior Adult Trip to the Overlook Restaurant

Join us for fellowship and fun as the Senior Adults travel to Leavenworth, Indiana trip to enjoy lunch together at the Overlook Restaurant this Thursday, October 23 at 11:30 AM.



The bus will be available for those who wish to ride and will leave the church at 10:30 AM. Call Paul Henderson at 502-451-3735 or [email him](#) to secure your reservation for the bus and/or restaurant.



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](mailto:Kathleen.Gordon@highlandbaptist.org) 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!

October Menus

October 22: BBQ Pork, Mac & Cheese, Baked Beans, Salad, Dessert

October 29: Lasagna, Steamed Vegetables, Salad, Bread Sticks, Dessert

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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
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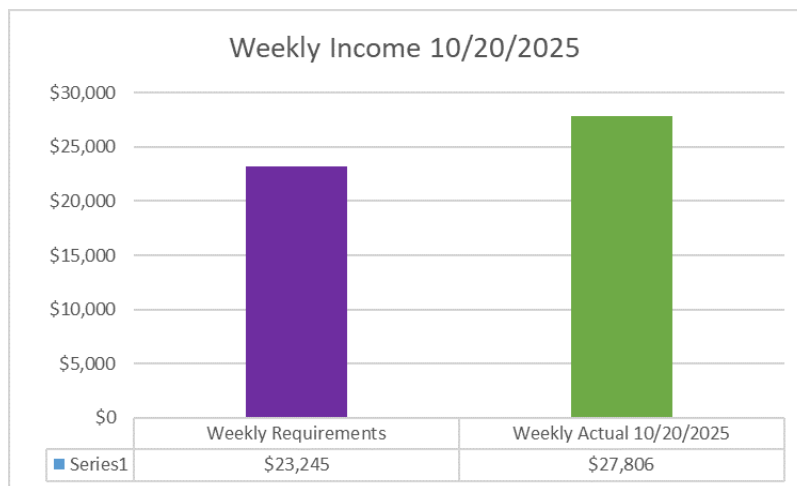


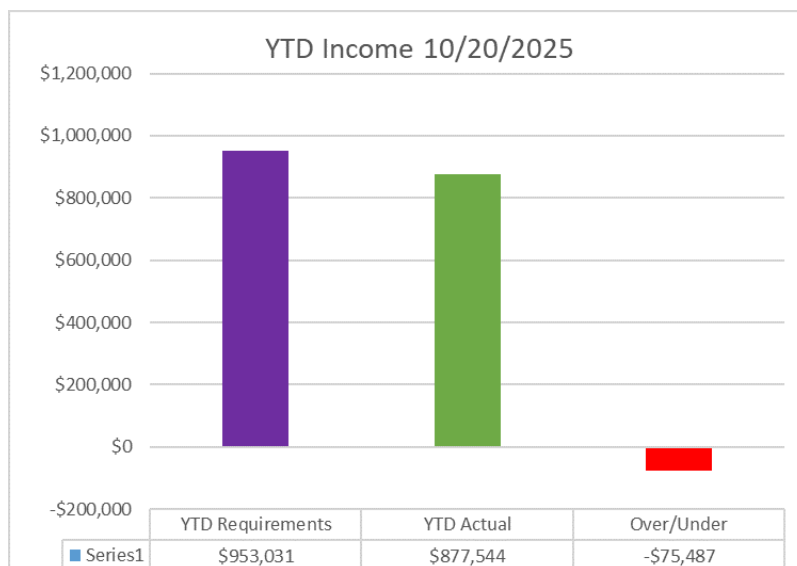
Looking Ahead

- October 23: Senior Adults' lunch at the Overlook Restaurant, 11:30 AM (bus leaves at 10:30)
- November 2: Budget Meeting via Zoom, 4:00 PM
- November 9: Highlights Lunch and Class for New Members and Visitors, 12:30-3:00 PM
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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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