



## The Weekly Newsletter of Highland Baptist Church October 28, 2025

**Don't forget to "fall back" this Saturday night - set your clocks back one hour!**

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### Government Shutdown Assistance

The Fellowship Fund at Highland Baptist Church exists to support individuals in our church family and in our community who have specific financial needs. It is Highland's custom to offer support for things like groceries, utilities, transportation, rent & shelter, and medical bill subsidies. Deacons collect this offering on the first Sunday of each month at the close of both worship services. These contributions offer a tangible expression of God's love and compassion. *If you are experiencing financial difficulty due to the current government shutdown, please reach out to any minister to discuss financial assistance options.*

*~ Finance Ministry Group*

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## 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.

# Cloud of Witness



## 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 **tonight 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, JCS 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

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## Thank You for Global Mission Offering



The Global Partnerships team extends a heartfelt THANK YOU to Highland for your gifts to the Global Mission Offering. Your gifts totaled \$8,595, which is \$1,095 over our goal of \$7,500. As we shared with you this month, your gifts support the work of field personnel in 13 countries around the globe. And most importantly, we are helping change lives one neighbor at a time. Again, THANK YOU!!!

~ Robert Davis

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## Highland Community Ministries Requests Urgent Help for Food Pantry



Neighbors are turning to Highlands Community Ministries for help more often. With SNAP benefits set not to renew next week for many households, we expect need to

increase again. You can make an immediate difference by donating high-need items or giving online so we can purchase produce and protein in bulk.

### **What Helps Most Right Now:**

- **Proteins:** soups and chilis with meat, canned chicken, canned tuna.
- **Breakfast:** cereal, oatmeal, granola bars.
- **Milk for cereal:** shelf-stable boxed milk.
- **Easy open packaging:** pop-top lids are best for anyone without a can opener or kitchen access.
- **Cooking basics:** rice, pasta, pasta sauce, cooking oil.
- **Seasonings and baking:** salt, pepper, basic spices, sugar, flour.
- **Comforts that matter:** coffee and tea.
- **Family staples:** peanut butter and jelly.
- **Household and personal care:** dish soap, period products.
- **Celebrations:** cake mix and frosting for birthdays.

### **Please Avoid:**

- Expired or opened items.
- Items that require ingredients many do not have on hand such as boxes that need fresh milk or butter only.
- Foods that are unlikely to be used such as very large restaurant cans or niche holiday items.
- Glass is accepted, but cans with pop-tops are far easier for many neighbors.

### **Give with Dignity**

We aim to offer choice, quality, and dignity. Please donate the same kinds of foods you would feed your own family. Smaller sizes are easier to carry for those walking or using transit.

### **How to Help Today**

#### **Drop-Off Details**

#### **Monday Through Friday**

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each day

Drop off at the HCM offices at:

1228 E. Breckinridge St.

Louisville, KY 40204

[Give Online](#): Your gift lets us buy produce, protein, and culturally familiar foods as need changes.



## Messengers Assemble Lunches for Neighbors

If you noticed a bit of chaos or the smell of peanut butter wafting from the Messengers Bible study class this week, that is no accident. About a year and a half ago, we wanted to find ways to be more intentional in our love and to live out that beloved call to "be doers and not hearers only." So we began to support the hard and holy work of an organization called LOU (Louisville Outreach for the Unsheltered).



Every week LOU ventures out all over the city to make contact with and meet the needs of over 800 of our unsheltered neighbors. They provide a sack lunch, clothing, basic first aid and even pet food. Every week...800 neighbors! Now, every three months the Messengers convert our classroom to an assembly line of love to make 100 sack lunches. To date, we have provided 600 lunches along with winter wear and other supplies. If you or your group would like to join us in this effort, please contact Debbie Hoover at 502-938-1482 or [email here](#).

~ Larry Hoover



## Senior Adult Trip to the Overlook Restaurant



The senior adults had a beautiful day and beautiful fellowship on our latest outing to the Overlook restaurant in Leavenworth, Indiana! If you're wondering if you should become a part of this great group of people, you've probably answered your own question, yes! Join us next month, November 18 at Gilda's Club for our annual retreat. More details coming soon!

~ Paul Henderson

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HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH 3RD ANNUAL

**THANKSGIVING  
BRUNCH**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23  
10:00 AM  
FELLOWSHIP HALL

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Highland's Staff enjoyed a some skeletal Halloween fun this week!



## 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@highland.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 Menu

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

## November Menus

**November 5:** Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Salad, Rolls, Dessert

**November 12:** Soup, Salad, Cornbread, Dessert

**November 19:** Fried Chicken/Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls, 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  
Worship  
Links**



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Looking Ahead

November 9: Highlights Lunch and Class for New Members and Visitors, 12:30-3:00 PM

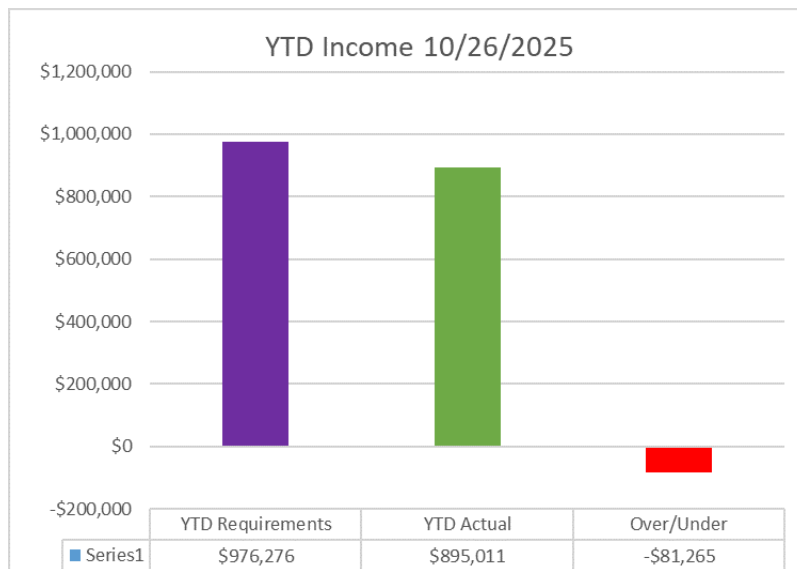
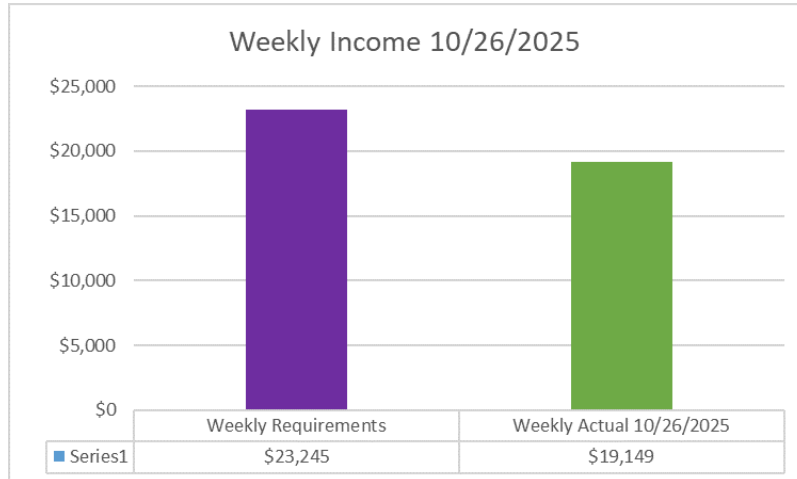
November 12: Budget Presentation, 6:15 PM

November 18: Senior Adult Retreat, Gilda's Club, 10:30 AM

November 23: Thanksgiving Brunch, 10:00 AM

November 30: Hanging of the Green service, 6:00 PM

## 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.

- Dominique Grier, 34, killed September 10
- Na'Bryan Deonte Marshall, 38, killed September 14
- Sasha Bravo Bravo, 41\2 months old, killed September 18
- Kaiveon Faulkner, 19, killed September 29
- Marion Caldwell, 34, killed September 29
- Darryl Burnett, Jr., 30, killed October 19

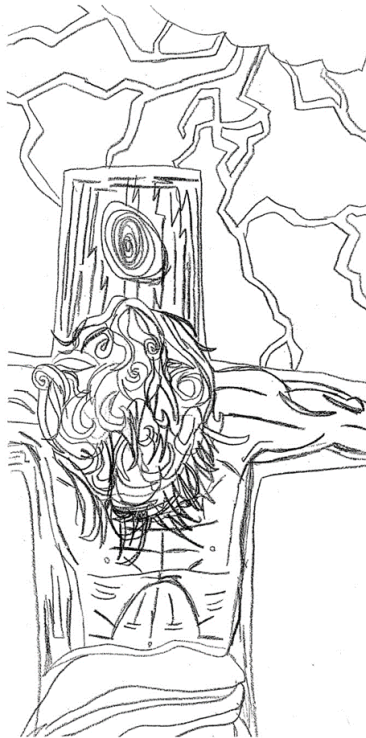


## Remembering Jordan Estes

On behalf of Highland's youth ministry community from years ago, I am writing to share that Jordan Estes, a former youth at Highland, passed away on September 29, 2025, in Tucson, Arizona, at the age of 28. Jordan was an active member of Highland's youth group, attending alongside his parents, Mark and Kara Estes. He was a student at Noe Middle School and duPont Manual High School, graduating in 2016. Mark passed away in 2023. I know you join us in praying for Kara Estes, Jordan's mom, who lives in Arizona. Kara has been in contact with Joe Phelps, hoping to hold a Memorial Service for Jordan in the spring in Louisville, and we will share details once it gets closer.



Since hearing the news, I've been in contact with many former youth and youth leaders, sharing in our sadness rooted in our love for Jordan and the memories we still hold dear. Jordan was an active youth throughout his time at Highland, participating in Sunday Bible Study, Wednesday night youth group, Passport Youth Camp, High School Mission Trips, Fall Retreats, House Parties, Lock-Ins, and High School Guys Mentor Group. He was also an artist, contributing his artwork to our worship bulletin for Youth-Led Worship and Lent services, as shown below. To get a glimpse of Jordan and his time at Highland, you can see him in the [Class of 2016 video](#) that I made back in May of that year (his spotlight comes eight minutes into the video).



Many in the youth ministry community from those days hope to find a way to honor Jordan's life and our love for him. Our motto from back then, "No matter the road, we walk it together," feels bittersweet now, as it becomes more complicated once our youth grow into adulthood and find themselves spread across many miles. And yet we cling to the love that binds us forever, cherishing the time we had, remembering

our ongoing love for one another, and falling into the arms of our God who loves us deeply from our first breath to our last.

~ *Carol Harston*, Highland's Minister to Youth, 2007-2016

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