

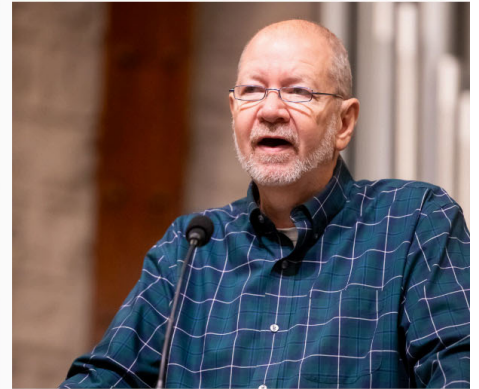


The Weekly Newsletter of Highland Baptist Church November 11, 2025



Quarterly Church Conference Wednesday Evening

Our quarterly church conference is scheduled for tomorrow evening, November 12, shortly after 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. During this time, the Finance Ministry Group will present the budget for 2026. There will also be reports from the Senior Pastor Search Committee, Personnel Ministry Group, and Strategic Planning. [Click here](#) for the complete agenda. We hope you will join us in person for this important meeting.



Holiday Giving Opportunities at Highland

The Louisville Solidarity Project

This project collects needed items and shuttles them where they are needed using nothing but willing folks. Highland has named itself a willing partner, and will be collecting donations as long as the need exists. The Anti-Racism Team has a large list of items that are being collected for local high schoolers, and if you want a copy of the long list feel free to reach out to any member of our team. Right now, we are going to focus on collecting the items that are most requested: dried beans, bags of rice, diapers, and menstrual pads.

Highland Community Ministries



This season, our congregation is proud to partner with Highlands Community Ministries (HCM) and other Highland congregations to bring warmth and joy to families in need. Our goal is to contribute to HCM's mission by collecting gift cards and cozy throw blankets — with a collective target of 500 gift cards and a blanket for every family.

We're excited to be part of this meaningful effort, and we invite you to join us in making a difference! Donations will be collected on Sunday, November 30, during the Hanging of the Green service.

Specific items needed:

- \$25 gift cards for Kroger, Target, or Walmart
- NEW throw-sized blankets

La Casita



La Casita is collecting household necessity items to support the Resource Day La Casita will host in early December. This year, because of Highland's faithful partnership through the years, we have been asked to collect a unique list of items related to hygiene. Because the resource day happens so early in the month of December, we will collect these items throughout the month of November.

Families with children and youth will gather at La Casita on Tuesday, December 2, to sort and pack items that will be given out on the Resource Day. We'll gather from 6:00-8:00 PM, and pizza will be provided.

Specific items needed:

- 200 rolls of toilet paper
- 100 bars of soap
- 100 tubes of deodorant

- 100 bottles of liquid dish soap (medium/single family, 15-18ish ounces)
- 100 bottles of laundry detergent (medium/single family, 30-35ish ounces)

[Link to Sign Up Genius for La Casita](#)

**Please place items for each of these organizations
in the appropriate labeled boxes in the Commons.
Thank you!**



Highlights Class Recap



On Sunday, November 9, 44 people gathered in the Fellowship Hall for our second Highlights Class of the calendar year! 27 of those folks were new members or those visiting Highland, curious to learn more about the inner workings of our congregation. We give thanks for the energy, sharing, and joy shared around the table as we answered the question, “Why Highland?”

Many thanks to the New Members Ministry Group, our Welcoming Care Team of Deacons, and Marilyn Whisler for their coordination of lunch and hospitality offered for all who attended!

~ Renee Purtlebaugh



Join Us for the Senior Adult Mini-Retreat on November 18



Join the senior adults on Tuesday, November 18 from 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM at Gilda's Club, located at 2440 Grinstead Drive (near the church). The cost is \$35, which includes boxed lunches provided by Kingsley's. Our speakers will be Bob Cunningham (Spirituality) and Todd Metcalf and Lee Cave (Financial and Estate Planning). [Please email Paul Henderson here](#) to reserve your spot!





[Click here for sign-ups](#) to help with the brunch.

Hanging of the Green Reception



It's hard to believe, but our Hanging of the Green service is right around the corner! It's Sunday, November 30 and the Hospitality Ministry Group needs your help! This is a fun event that needs church-wide participation to make it happen. We need help in the following ways:

- Decorating Sunday afternoon
- Bringing finger food that evening
- Setting food out during the Hanging of the Green service
- Cleaning up afterwards

If you can help in any of these areas, we would appreciate it! When people step in to help, it makes the event more personal and more holiday-ish! You can contact Marilyn Whisler at 502-262-2760 to find out how you can help or [click here](#) to sign up. Thank you for helping out!

~ Marilyn Whisler



Christmas Poinsettias



Our Sanctuary will once again be beautifully adorned with red poinsettias this Advent and Christmas. All members are invited to purchase a poinsettia for \$15 in memory, in honor, or in appreciation of a family member, friend or loved one. You may order poinsettias through our website [here](#). You may also submit payment and information by contacting [Kathleen in the church office](#) or at 502-451-3735. **The deadline for ordering poinsettias is Monday, November 24.**



Room in the Inn – Winter Shelter Volunteers Needed

Room in the Inn Louisville is a winter shelter ministry run by local congregations to provide safe overnight housing for our unhoused neighbors during January and February.



This year, two church sites will host guests each night. Volunteers are needed to serve in teams of two for three types of shifts: Evening (5–10 PM), Overnight (10 PM–5 AM), and Breakfast (5–7 AM).

[Learn more here.](#) See Alan Spade or [email him here](#) if you're interested in helping.



Festival of Faiths

The *Festival of Faiths* is an annual event in Louisville celebrating all faith traditions and it's here! In the face of contemporary, global, and local concerns, this year the festival will explore our interconnectedness with the theme *Sacred Belonging* November 12-15. Together we will gather to discover a joy that honors our differences as we seek true belonging! [You can find a full schedule, speakers, and tickets here.](#)



You can also hear more from our festival speakers and theme on our new podcast *Holy Echoes: Listening to Prophets Then and Now* wherever you like to listen!

~ Sally Evans



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!

November Menus

November 12: Soup, Salad, Cornbread, Dessert

November 19: Fried Chicken/Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls, Dessert



Chicago Spring Tour

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Highland Baptist Chicago Spring Tour

Art, Architecture & Friendship
in the Heart of Chicago

April 19–22, 2026

Quick Facts

Depart: Sun, Apr 19 at 1 PM
(after church)

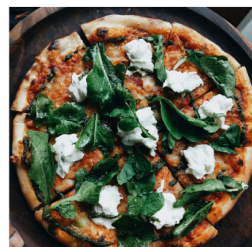
Return: Wed, Apr 22 (5 PM ET)

Hotel: Radisson Blu Aqua
(3 nights)

Transport: Deluxe Motor
Coach (312 Limo)

Includes:

- Daily breakfast
- River Architecture Cruise with Lunch
- Art Institute guided tour
- 3 Group Dinners (Welcome, Beatrix, Robert's)
- Walking Tour & Pedway Experience
- Taxes, tips & coordination



Contact [Paul Henderson](#) for complete information and brochure.

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**

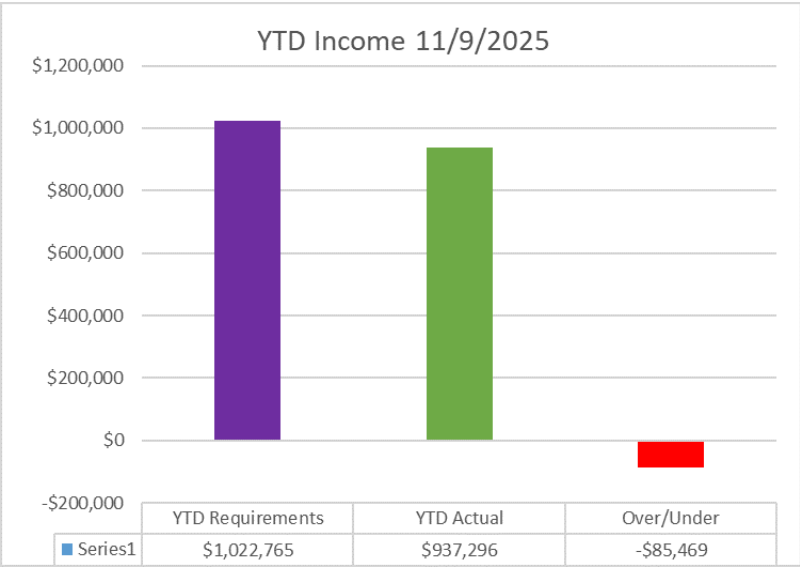
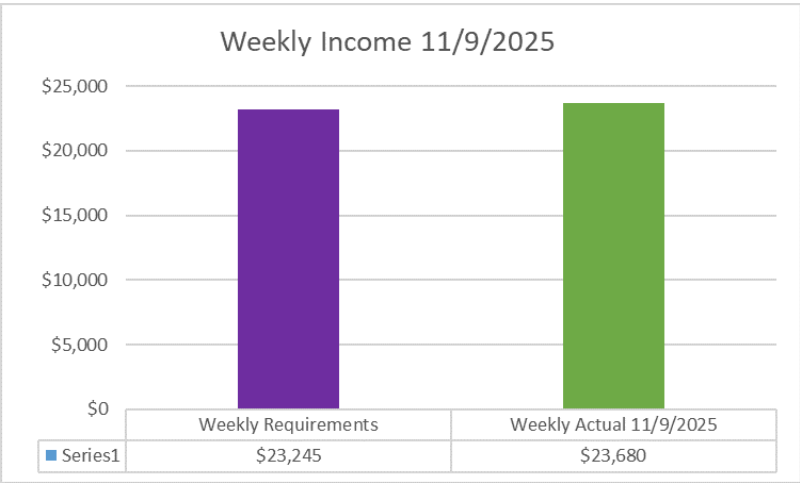


Looking Ahead

- November 12: Quarterly Church Conference and 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: First Sunday of Advent (Hope) and Hanging of the Green service, 6:00 PM
- December 2: Sorting Soiree at La Casita, 6:00-8:00 PM
- December 7: Second Sunday of Advent (Peace), Crosses on the Lawn
Children's Advent 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.

- Antwan Earsery, 40, killed August 29
 - Airrice Clayton, 34, killed October 22
 - Andrew Cochran, 45, killed October 26,
 - Tiffany Reiner, 45, killed October 28
 - Aumani Martin, 22, killed October 31
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