



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

*A thinking, feeling, healing
community of faith*



The Weekly Newsletter of Highland Baptist Church January 28, 2026

**Important Notes: please use abundant caution when navigating the parking lots
and entering the building on Friday, January 30 and Sunday, February 1
as conditions remain difficult for those with mobility concerns.**

The church office will reopen on Thursday and Friday, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.



**All Wednesday evening activities
are cancelled due to
inclement weather.
Church offices remain closed.**

January 28



Friday Church Happenings

Please Note: Friday Church will be held as usual at 7:00 PM on January 30.

Last Friday evening, Rev. Richard Lockette from St. Stephen Baptist Church shared a message of encouragement and hope. Sally Evans and a joyful group of musicians led us in music, including the words, "I thank You, Jesus, I thank You, Jesus. I thank You, Jesus, I thank you, Lord. Oh, You brought me, yes You brought me from a mighty, a mighty long way, a mighty long way."

In introducing the Exchange of Peace, Barb Bower shared how her grandson once asked, "Grandma, is it true there are many rooms in God's house?" Barb answered, "yes." Barb's grandson replied, "then I want a room next to the kitchen." Barb reminded us of God's great love for all, and how we are family moving with God's grace even in difficulties and all our imperfections. There are many rooms, and a place for all. May the love of God, the grace of God, and the peace of God be with you in this week.

Friday Church on January 23



Youth Winter Retreat Registration

Camp LouCon, February 6-8

Join us for a weekend away at Camp LouCon as we explore what it means to be "Linked by Love". Through worship, small groups, and time outdoors, we'll discover how God's love connects us to one another through compassion, acceptance, and grace. In between moments of reflection and prayer, we'll have plenty of fun, from ziplining to late-night campfires and laughter with friends. This weekend is about growing closer to God, to one another, and to the kind of love that holds everything together. More details can be found in the registration link.

Deadline to register: February 1

[REGISTER HERE](#)

~ John Kupar

Highland's Got Talent Sunday, February 22 at 6:00 PM

Next month *Highland's Got Talent* returns after a six year hiatus, better than ever! Formerly known as HBC Got Skillz, this fundraising event truly emphasizes **FUN** and aims to encourage connection between various groups at Highland including but not limited to new members, not so new members, folks from different services, the young and the young at heart. The winner of Highland's Got Talent will be awarded a trophy and bragging rights for at least a year! And by talent, we mean anything from shadow puppets to bird calls to Sunday School class dance offs.

Highland's got Talent

If you or your group would like to take the stage, please complete [THIS SIGN UP FORM](#) by Wednesday, February 11. We ask that you fit all the goodness of your act into 3-5 minutes. Group acts are encouraged! In the coming weeks, stay tuned for upcoming opportunities to volunteer and contribute to the awesome Chili Dinner. Tickets to attend are \$5 each and the event will take place at Highland Community Ministries, 1228 E. Breckinridge. All proceeds go toward our Capital Campaign. Come to laugh! Come to perform! Stay for the culinary delights!

Questions? Feel free to ask a member of the planning team including Sally Evans, Troy Burden, Emily Edwards, or Kim Fritschi.

Help Highland Build a House with Habitat!



On February 26-28, Highland will partner with other Baptist churches to build a home as part of Habitat for Humanity Baptist Build. We are looking for 2-4 volunteers each day. For more information, contact [Larry Hoover](#).



Save the Dates for Highland's Summer Camps for Children!

2026 SUMMER CAMPS

June
8-11

Discovery Camp
Completed Grades K-2nd

June
22-25

Passport Kids
Completed Grades 3rd-5th

July
13-16

Advocacy Camp
Completed Grades 3rd-5th



Cream of the Crop Invitation to Drag Bingo

Our Cream of the Crop group invites all adults to join them on Thursday, February 19 at 12:00 Noon in the Fellowship Hall for Drag Bingo! Our special guest is Louisville's own (and Highland's) May O'Nays! We'll have a carry-in luncheon (the main dish, ham, will be provided) and May O'Nays will lead us in five fun-filled games of bingo. May is an amazing entertainer and there will be prizes for the winners, so bring a salad, side, or dessert and join us for a fun afternoon! For our preparation and planning, please let [Paul Henderson](#) know you plan to attend by Monday, February 16. It's a don't miss event!



Jean Janes Yard Sale March 21



This year, the Jean Janes Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, March 21. As you finish your post-holiday purge or start your spring cleaning, please set aside any household items you would like to donate to the sale. You may begin bringing items to the church on Sunday, March 1. As always, thank you for your generosity and support!

~ Cheryl Priddy



John Phillip Newell and Cami Twilling to Lead Spirituality Conference next October



Sacred Earth Sacred Soul in New Harmony, Indiana, will sponsor a retreat series October 13-15, led by renowned Scottish author [John Philip Newell](#) and [Cami Twilling](#), director of Earth and Soul. Focusing on Celtic spirituality to reawaken awareness of the sacred in all creation, the sessions will explore reconnecting with nature, healing the earth, and finding divine love within. The conference will explore teachings emphasizing how human beings and the Earth are inherently sacred and drawing from Celtic Christian traditions to foster a more compassionate, sustainable world. The workshops will address the need for spiritual, ecological, and social transformation in modern times.

Registrations are expected to fill up quickly for this retreat set in beautiful and bucolic New Harmony. Click [here](#) to register and for more information.

~ Kathy Collier



Wednesday Night Dinners - Cancelled Tonight! Join Us Again Next Week!



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 [Accounting](#) or calling 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!

February Menus:

February 4: Fried & Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Seasoned Green Beans, Salad, Rolls, Dessert

February 11: BBQ Pork, Mac & Cheese, Baked Beans, Salad, Dessert

February 18: Baked Ziti or Lasagna, Steamed Vegetables, Salad, Bread Sticks, Dessert

February 25: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls, Dessert

A Taste of the Highlands



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

- February 18: Ash Wednesday
- February 22: Highland's Got Talent, 6:00 PM, HCM Campus, 1228 E. Breckinridge
- Feb. 26-28: Baptist Build with Habitat for Humanity - contact [Larry Hoover](#)
- March 6-8: Spring Women's Retreat - Contact [Ginger Miller](#) for questions or to reserve a spot.
Phone: 502-599-6569
- March 21: Jean Janes Yard Sale

Offering Envelopes and Contributions

On behalf of the Finance Ministry and Faithful Giving, thank you for your generosity and continued commitment to Highland Baptist Church. If you requested offering envelopes, they are available in the Commons through January 31. Any envelopes not picked up by that date will be mailed to you.

As we move into 2026, we would also like to remind you that contributions may be made through automatic draft from a checking or savings account, or by using a credit or debit card. If you are enrolled in automatic giving, please take a moment to review your account activity. Should you notice any discrepancies or have questions, feel free to contact the church office at 502-451-3735 or [send an email](#)

[here.](#)

Thank you again for your faithful support.

~ Kathleen Gordon



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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