



## The Weekly Newsletter of Highland Baptist Church May 12, 2026

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### The Commons

Sunday morning, once most people had moved on to lunch, four-year-old Annie waited as patiently as she could while I talked with her dad. She kept herself busy by running up and down the hallway to the Commons. When she grew tired of that, she would go to the farthest point, yell for our attention, and then start running toward us with her eyes closed. She ran with joyful abandon, her eyes squeezed shut and her smile bright and wide, assured that we watched over her and delighted in her enthusiasm.

Is this not the most beautiful image of the church? Are not each of us living in a daily posture of waiting *and* keeping ourselves busy? We move through each day trusting that God is with us through it all, delighting in us as we seek both safety (watched over with loving care) and adventure (trying new things, venturing outside of our comfort zones).

This weekend's worship services were filled with holy moments that embodied this blend of safety and risk. Friday Church proclaimed assurance and pushed us to grow. Our youth led us in Sunday worship services, and we saw how we are all one Body of Christ. The Commons was packed during the Bible Study hour with brave (trying out a new church can be scary, especially a Baptist one!), curious (wanting a church that values questions and mystery), and fascinating (each from different backgrounds with many gifts to offer) visitors.

It is truly a gift to build this life together as pastor and people. Know that we, as staff and leaders, carry

each of you in our hearts and minds as we go about our work. May those prayers connect us as one Body of Christ, safe and ready for the day's adventure.

~ Carol Harston



## Youth Sunday Reflection

As I reflect on Youth Sunday this past week, I am reminded again of what is always true: the young people of this congregation are not the church of someday. They are members of the body of Christ now. Youth Sunday was not a performance by young people for the rest of the church. It was a revelation of the body we already are called to be. Their voices belong in worship. Their questions belong in our theology.

Their lives belong in our prayers. Their gifts belong in the ministry of the church. Their becoming is part of the life of the whole body.

I am deeply grateful for every youth who led, every parent and volunteer who helped make youth programming possible, every adult who has shown up for our youth this year, and every person who continues to make Highland a place where young people can grow in faith, honesty, joy, and love. The body of Christ is more fully itself when all its members are honored. Speaking of honor, how about Ainsley's reflection!?! Thanks be to God for our youth!

*~ John Kubar*



## Highland's Orchestra Presents "A Classical Feast"



You are invited to the Orchestra's spring concert this Sunday, May 17, at 6:00 PM in the sanctuary. The theme of the program is "A Classical Feast." We'll be presenting classics from a variety of times and places, including some of your favorites! So invite your friends and family and join us for a wonderful evening!

PS -- Bring something to write with.

*~ Bruce Maples*

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## Calling All Graduates!

As we are in graduation season, Highland would like to recognize those in our church family who are graduating from high school, college, graduate school, certificate programs, or any other meaningful program of study. [Please send Cheryl Davis](#) the graduate's name, school or program, degree or area of study if applicable. We are grateful for the chance to celebrate the hard work, growth, and next steps of those connected to our community.

*~ John Kupar*

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## Racing Louisville Pride Night Ticket Deadline This Sunday!



**Highland Baptist Church at Racing Louisville FC Pride Night is coming up on Friday, May 29 at 8:00 PM at Lynn Family Stadium.**

This is one of the best nights of the season, and it's even better when we show up together. If you're planning to go, grab a few people and make it a group. [Bundle your tickets here.](#)

If you want help getting your group seated together, [email me here](#) and I'll make that easy.

*~ Alan Spade*

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 **Spring Supplies Needed for HCM**



This spring, Highlands Community Ministries Food Pantry is focusing on essential hygiene items—things not covered by most assistance programs but vital for daily dignity and stability. Your donations help them support neighbors with more than just food.

Whether you give a little or a lot, every item keeps HCM's shelves ready for those in need.

If the drop-off times (listed above) don't work, email Steven at [scarr@hcmlouisville.org](mailto:scarr@hcmlouisville.org) to arrange another time.

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**Sunday, 11:15 AM**

<https://www.facebook.com/hbclouisville.org>

<https://www.youtube.com/@highlandbaptist>

**Friday, 7:00 PM**

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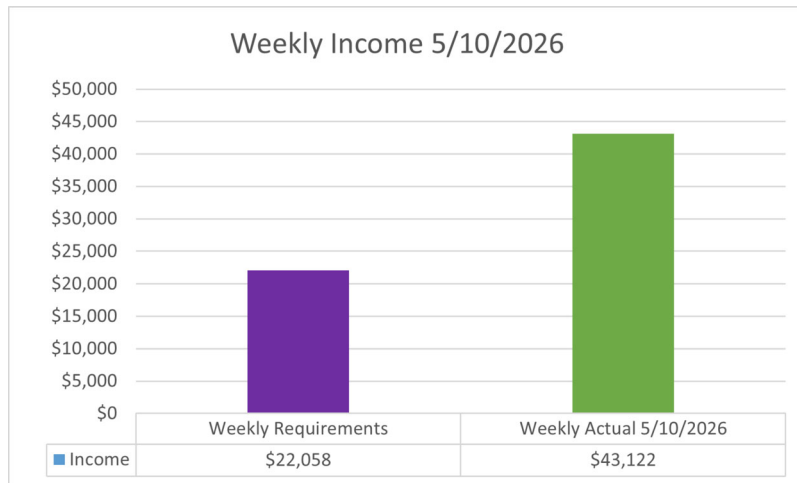
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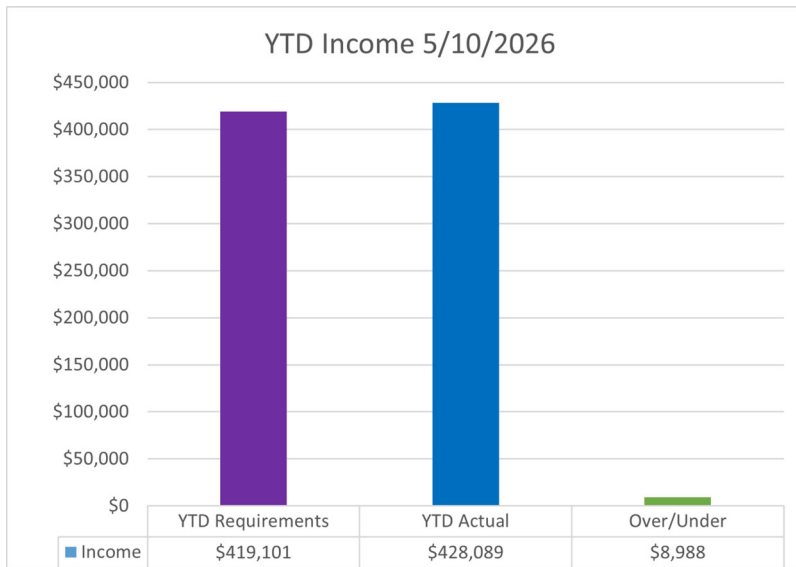




- May 13-15: Spring Cleaning Drive, Highlands Community Ministries
  - May 17: Highlights for new members and visitors during Bible study at 10:00 AM in the Commons  
Highland Orchestra Spring Concert - "A Classical Feast" at 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary
  - May 29: Pride Night at Racing Louisville FC, 8:00 PM, Lynn Family Stadium
  - June 14: Pride Sunday at Highland
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## Financial Update





**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.

- Anthony Williams, 44, killed April 11
- Shemar Shackelford, 30, killed April 15

- James Pendleton, 22, killed April 18
  - Jimmie L. Robertson, 64, killed April 25
  - Wade Ramey, 74, killed May 1
  - Yhantzee M. Taylor, 45, killed May 3
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