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Back To School!

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Sermons for the Month of August



We used to speak of the “dog days of August.” Well, they have become “the transition days of August,” as the month sees schools begin and vacation time wrap up. The heat is still there, and there are only the hints of Fall. The Word of God,

however, remains ever fresh and ever refreshing. On Sunday, August 7th, we will partake of Communion after listening to scriptures from Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 and Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 to consider the importance of **Living Faith**. The 14th, an agricultural metaphor will be explored as we look at Isaiah 5:1-7 and Luke 12:49-56 and speak of **Wild or Domesticated Grapes**. Then on the 21st, we will consider the importance of knowing and taking advantage of the time as we examine Hebrews 12:18-29 and Luke 13:10-17 and reflect on **The Time to Be Freed**. Finally, the last Sunday of August, the 28th, we will have our regular Pot Luck lunch and during worship we will hear words from Jeremiah 2:4-13 and Luke 14:1, 7-14 which will illustrate **The “Power” of Pride**. Don’t “dog it” and stay at home because of the heat - join us for worship and fellowship and find refreshing in the gospel.

It Happened in Session

Fiscal year 2017 began on July 1, 2016. The first Session meeting of the New Year was held on July 19th at the church. Newly elected elders Claudia Anderson, Deb Lowrance and Ron Lowrance were welcomed to their first meeting.

The following items were approved for FY 2017: Martin Davis was elected to serve as Clerk of Session; Jerry Ragan was elected to serve as Treasurer; the Session will continue to meet monthly on the third Tuesday, and communion will be served monthly on the first Sunday, plus special services for

Maundy Thursday and Christmas Eve.

The Session committees include many members who work with the elders who moderate them. These committees include Building & Grounds, Jerry Ragan moderator; Fellowship, Deb Lowrance moderator; MemberCare, Claudia Anderson moderator; Outreach, Lora Savoie moderator; Stewardship & Service, John Davis moderator and Worship, Ron Lowrance moderator. If you wish to be involved with any of those committees, just contact the moderator and volunteer to help. You will be welcomed.

A proposal from Lee Johnson to place a jar, to receive pennies, on the table in Fellowship Hall where members may contribute, was approved. The money thus gathered during the weeks prior to “PATH Week” in early September, will be sent to PATH. Session approved allowing contributions of not only pennies but other amounts as well and continuing this effort during the rest of the year. Read the article in the *Highland Herald* for “Pennies (and more) for PATH”, for more details.

Jerry Ragan provided a Financial Overview detailing the special funds which are funds designated for specific needs and causes outside of the Operating Budget. In his report he noted that out replacement of the heating and air conditioning equipment has yielded significant benefits. In comparison to costs of gas and electricity in 2009, before the changes were made, gas costs have dropped by 58% and electricity dropped 38%. In a ten year period these savings would amount to \$58,000!

Deb Lowrance has begun working with Fellowship committee and plans a meeting of the committee on July 31st.

In conjunction with the Outreach committee, Ron Lowrance will research the addition of a banner sign for the front lawn which will be used to encourage participation in worship at Highland.

For the benefit of the new elders on Session a wide ranging discussion was held to answer questions and to stimulate ideas for the coming year.



HIGHLAND AUGUST HAPPENINGS!



Ladies, Please Read...



Prayer Shawl Meeting:
Tuesday, August 2, 6:30 pm
at Eleanor's house.

Ladies' Circle meetings...
will start back next month
in September.



Tuesday, August 9th: Ladies'
Out-to-eat at PotPourri House
at 11:30 a.m.

Time for the School Bus to be on the road again!

Current needs are:



- Kleenex tissues
- Erasers-pencil tops and regular
- Germ-X
- Colored pencils
- Pencils with # 2 lead
- Wide-ruled notebook paper

The children and I are grateful
for all that you give.



Deb Tompkins

Find a penny, pick it up, all the day you'll have good luck!

This year PATH (People Attempting to Help) Week is September 5-9. PATH is celebrating 30 years of providing assistance for people in need in the East Texas area. During the month of August, bring your pennies, or any loose change, to church and donate it to PATH. We all have pennies and change lying around; in the car, purses, dresser, kitchen drawers, etc. Pennies and loose change can add up, so donate yours today! A Penny Jar to accumulate our donations will be in Fellowship Hall.



Penny Trivia:

Approximately 147 pennies = 1 pound
In 2015 it cost 1.67 cents to make a penny.

From Deb Tompkins:

Orr was under great pressure in the 2015-2016 school year to meet state standards. With a new principal (Ms. Hinton) and assistant principal (Mr. Ladd), who had great vision, **We Met Standard!**



We showed gains in all of the four indexes! Thank you for giving of time and supplies. We will have the same principal and assistant principal this year. I will be teaching 4th grade math again this year and will proudly serve as grade level chair.



Fellowship Snacks

*Blessed are those who share
FELLOWSHIP in CHRIST, for GOD lives
in their FRIENDSHIP.*



*Please join together each Sunday after
Worship for some conversation, laughs and to welcome
our guests. Refreshments will be provided by the
Fellowship committee.*





Becky's Music Notes



August 2016

Here we are, August.....already! It is time to start thinking and planning for the fall and, yes, Christmas. I have been looking at new music for the bell choir. I'm excited for the coming fall and to see how the bell choir improves during the year.



Bells will start meeting on Wednesday, September 7, at 6:00 pm and will continue to meet weekly on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm. If you are not involved and would like to be, please join us at that time. Otherwise, I will be expecting those familiar faces at 6:00 that evening.

When I was offered the Music Director position it was requested that we have "special music" at least once a month, since we do not have a choir to sing during worship. This summer instead of having soloists I decided that Mom and I would provide the special music with piano/organ duets. We have a lot fun playing them. We have played three Sundays in July, and have two more pieces prepared for the last two Sundays in August.

On a personal note, I will be taking off the first two Sundays in August. Our daughter, Katy, will be 21 on August 8, and she requested we go to Disney for her 21st birthday. Can you believe that? A 21 year old that wants to celebrate this milestone birthday at the "happiest place on earth" with her sister and parents. Of course, we were honored to fulfill that request. So we will be driving to Orlando to spend a few days in the Disney parks; then drive to Panama City Beach for a few days of R & R, which will be needed after three days at Disney! My mom, Eleanor Garvey, will be playing the organ the first two Sundays in August while I am away. It's wonderful to have such a great sub that can step in and knows the service.

Enjoy the rest of your summer; I'm sure the cooler weather is just around the corner. It will soon be time for football (Go Cowboys!) and all the excitement (or not) of those games.

Bell choir members, I will see you at 6:00 pm on September 7. I am excited about the coming year and hope you are too.

Love and Prayers,

Becky Davis



Highland Highlights for August 2016:

Monday, August 8th:

Office is closed

Wednesday, August 24th:

September Newsletter Submission Deadline!

Weekly Schedule:

Sundays:

- 9:30 AM - Sunday School
- 10:30 AM - Worship Service
- 11:30 AM - Fellowship Time

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- 8 Katy Davis
- 20 Zana Byers
- 25 Red Gilley

The SEPTEMBER 2015 Highland Herald submission DEADLINE is AUGUST 24th!

PLEASE (Pretty Please!) submit your articles, information, events, etc. to your friendly Highland Secretary by this date! I would like to get the newsletter emailed and mailed no later than Tuesday, August 30th.



Thank you, Dorothy Ragan



The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results. James 5:16b NLT

Cancer Patients: Jonah Daily, John Davis, David Garvey, Jeff Hedges, Rita Kelly, HK Park, Jan Park, Donna Richardson, Lee Shafer, Carl Trent, and Leon Welborn; **Continuing Concerns:** Steve and Lora Savoie, Mike Arbour, Jory Bayne, Joy Carreno, Ross Clayton, Bobbie Cohen, Sharon Cohen, Bonnie Cottrill, Sally Ferrell, Eleanor Garvey, Mark Garvey, Ann Gstohl, Joan Heck, Jean Hedges, Georgann Hickman, Jean Jeffers, Claudine Peter, Steve Savoie, Sue Sharp, Michael Williams and Judy Woodyard. Be also in prayer for Barbara Burrow and family of Mike Burrow who passed away on July 16, 2016.

Also, pray for the following circumstances: All affected by violence and the threat of violence, Our nation and our electoral process, Those waiting on medical tests and answers, People traveling, Teachers, Students, etc. due to School starting, and People needing jobs. *(In the spirit of getting the best out of our prayer ministry, please submit names for the Prayer list, a brief reason and then a subsequent update to the request, by the monthly deadline for the Highland Herald. This will enable us to keep the list current and to give thanks for God's answers. Also submit updates for the prayer list.)*



Beans and Rice are the August PATH items. Monetary gifts are always accepted. The Summer box fan drive at Home Depot continues until the end of this month. More information is on the bulletin board!



SCHOOL TIME AGAIN!



Time again to watch for students walking to school and other parents driving their kids to school! Keep in prayer for students and teachers, etc. for effective learning and teaching!



Please pray for Pvt. Ross Clayton, son of April Linthicum, and grandson of Chuck and Deb Tompkins who serving in Kuwait. Also be in prayer for all of our other men and women in the Armed Forces. Also, please keep the Christians, Kurds, and Jews in your prayers in N. Iraq.



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The View from the Back Page

I must confess that these are very confusing times. Personally, of course, I continue to adjust to an upside-down world where common things suddenly have a different feel and require different responsibilities - all while continuing in the fog of grief. Nationally and globally, the world is dipping into one of its periodic periods of darkness. The analogous “gravitational pull” of sin often pulls down the heirs of Adam and Eve. Under sin’s influence, humanity constantly pulls away from God - those who know God and those who deny God together - seek to redefine life and morality in ways that seem right to them.

Since Babel, there is no real unity in any of these new visions of “right and wrong.” Rival rebellions soon turn against one another. Every Utopian dream of a unified collective life of harmony and mutual respect flounders on that reality. Yet each enthusiastic movement toward a new vision moves people away from God and His beneficent way and toward the new chaos of a war of all against all. When the world goes dark, there often follows a renewed willingness to listen and to call on the God we either forsook or chose not to believe. It is sad that spiritual renewal and the willingness to seek the Word of God and to learn anew the wonder of grace must often come at such a cost. And history is not really circular. There are no guarantees that renewal will take place. Yet for any of us to stand, we will need to do so by faith. There is only one reliable source of light in a dark world. Jesus is our hope.

Scott Mackey



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Highland Presbyterian Church

Office Hours Monday thru Thursday 8:30 AM till Noon
 Sunday School 9:30 AM—Sunday Worship 10:30 AM



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 6:30 PM - Prayer Shaw! Meeting	3	4	5	6
7 Holy Communion	8 OFFICE CLOSED! Katy Davis	9 8:30AM Men's Breakfast 11:30 AM Ladies' Out to Eat	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 6 PM - Session Meeting	17	18	19	20 Zana Byers
21	22	23	24 <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">September Highland Herald Deadline!!</div>	25 Red Gilley	26	27
28 Pot Luck	29	30	31			