



# Highland Herald

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### Sermons for the Month of September

### It Happened in Session

There is no mistaking the approach of Fall. School



started again (though earlier than most of us remembered it!) and football season has resumed. With the settling of the seasonal schedule for families, churches also begin anew some of the familiar ways of church life. Bells will be

resuming practice and Thursday Bible studies will be back as well.

The consistent business of the church underlies it all and continues unabated. We will gather for Sunday morning worship each Sunday in September and listen to God's Word read and expounded. We will pray and sing prayers and praises. It will all start on September 4<sup>th</sup>, the Sunday of Labor Day weekend, and we will celebrate communion as a gift while our study of the lessons from Jeremiah 18:1-12 and Luke 14:25-33 call us to *Relinquish Rights*. Don't forget to join us that afternoon for a special game time as we go back in time to some of your favorite childhood board games and some pizza! The second Sunday, the 11<sup>th</sup>, we will examine Jeremiah 4:11-12; 22-28 and Luke 15:1-10 with an eye to the question, *How to Be Found?* The third Sunday will be on the 18<sup>th</sup>, and we will continue to look at the prophet Jeremiah and Jeremiah 8:18 - 9:1 and Luke 16:1-13 as they give us *Perspectives of the World*. The final Sunday of the month, also Pot Luck fellowship, is September 25 and the scriptures for the morning will be Jeremiah 32:1-3a; 6-15 and Luke 16:19-31, with understated faithfulness God reveals *Subtle Salvation*.

Take full advantage of the restored routines of Fall and join us for our regular Sunday worship and the resumption of additional activities. Oh, and don't forget to pray for a little cooler Fall weather!

The Session met on Tuesday August 16<sup>th</sup> at the church.

Scott Mackey had information from Camp Gilmont advising that their conference center is open, by reservation, to churches on weekends for special events/retreats. Their information also included a list of retreats that they offer during the year. Go to <http://campgilmont.org/retreats> to read more about the camp and their programs.

A request by the Marine Corps League to host a special meeting in Fellowship Hall on October 1<sup>st</sup> from 1:00 to 3:00 PM was approved.

Lora Savoie reported for the Outreach committee, that she had contacted three recent visitors to worship, inviting them back to join us another week. Possibilities for brochures to be given to visitors was discussed. Ron Lowrance has joined the committee.

The response to a request for volunteers and ideas has been almost overwhelming, according to Deb Lowrance, Fellowship chair. A Game Night (in the afternoon) has been scheduled for September 4<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 6 PM with pizza to follow. More about that in the Highland Herald.

Ron Lowrance presented drawings of signs which might be added to the front lawn. A sign with moveable letters was chosen to be added to the brick sign at the corner of Dennis and Paluxy. The concept of the idea was approved with final approval to come following development of the project cost. Ron also reported that Zana Byers has been added to the Worship Committee.

The quarterly safety inspection of the church elevator has been completed, according to Jerry Ragan. The annual inspection of the church's fire extinguishers which is required by Tyler ordinance, also has been completed. With recent rain, the front lawn looks the best it has this year. There may be a need to add a couple of sprinkler heads near the south border of the property.



# HIGHLAND SEPTEMBER HAPPENINGS



## Ladies, Please Read...

**Prayer Shawl Meeting:** Tuesday, Sep. 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Eleanor's house.



**Video Bible Study:** 11:00 a.m.

### Ladies' Circle meetings...

#### Evening Circle:

Monday, Sep. 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

#### Morning Circle:

Tuesday, Sep. 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.



**Tuesday, September 13th:** Ladies' Out-to-eat at PotPourri House at 11:30 a.m.



## PENNIES FOR PATH!

Even though the money already collected will soon be taken to PATH, the jars will continue to be available in Fellowship Hall so that we may continue to send our pocket change to PATH in the future.



Lee Johnson with Pennies (and more) for PATH Jars

## 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!



## And speaking of school...

### School Bus supply 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



SCHOOL



# *Becky's Music Notes*

## *September 2016*



Summer is over and school bells have started to ring. September is a bitter/sweet time for me. I LOVE having my summers and enjoy the freedom that comes with it. But, I LOVE going back to school in the fall to see the excited faces of the students at Higgins; not to mention seeing all my "school friends", again.



After our long summer break, the Handbells will begin meeting every Wednesday at 6:00 pm, starting September 7. I will start promptly at 6 and will end promptly at 7. So, please be ready to start practice right at 6. If you are not involved with this fun group and would like to be, please join us, we always welcome new faces with open arms. I'm looking forward to seeing the familiar faces from last year. I am really excited about music I ordered over the summer

for the bell choir.

Summer vacations are always a fun time for families. As you know we went on our first summer vacation in over 8 years. It was so much fun listening to the laughter in the back seat from our daughters, Katy and Chrissy, as they really enjoyed being together. After two days in the car we got to see the Wizarding World of Harry Potter, spent a day in Magic Kingdom and celebrated Katy's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday at EPCOT. We rode on several rides in the three theme parks and managed to stay dry most of the time, even though we had some rain every day. I discovered that my best friend from elementary school was in the area, so we met her, her daughter and older sister for lunch and caught up with each other. It had been over 20 years since we'd seen each other. Then it was on the Panama City Beach for some R & R. We enjoyed our rest and relaxation, but after 10 days on the road, we were ready and happy to be home.

I hope each of you were able to enjoy a little bit of summer in your own special way. Now it's time to get ready for fall weather; and with fall weather brings football (Go Whitehouse Wildcats and Dallas Cowboys). Before we know it Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas will be sneaking up on us.

Enjoy what little bit of "summer" is left; you know the weather will continue to be warm for a few more weeks. Get out on the week-ends when you can and enjoy!

*Love and Prayers,*

*Becky Davis*





## Highland Highlights for September 2016:

### Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>:

4:00 – 6:00 p.m. – Classic Family Game night

### Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup>:

Labor Day Holiday - Office is closed

### Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>:

6:00 p.m. – Bell Practice begins

### Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>:

September Newsletter Submission Deadline!

### Weekly Schedule:

#### Sundays:

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

#### Office Hours:

Mon. thru Thurs.; 8:30 am to noon

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### HPC Game Night!

Sunday Afternoon  
September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
4:00 to 6:00 P.M.  
In the Fellowship Hall.



We will have a fellowship event featuring classic board games and pizza. A variety of classic games will be provided (a different game at each table so you can choose your favorite). Bring your family, friends, and neighbors.



### 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.*



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| 10 | Arlene Fugate    | 20 | Terry Graham, Jr. |
| 22 | Georgann Hickman | 26 | Bobby Cannon      |
| 30 | JoAnne Flores    |    |                   |

The OCTOBER 2016 Highland Herald submission DEADLINE is SEPTEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup>! **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 Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. Thank you, Dorothy Ragan



*Please pray for Pvt. Ross Clayton, son of April Linthicum, and grandson of Chuck and Deb Tompkins who is 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.*



**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:** 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, Judy Woodyard.

**Also, pray for the following circumstances:** Victims of flooding in Louisiana, victims of earthquake in Italy, our nation and our electoral process, those waiting on medical tests and answers, and people traveling. *(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.)*



items for September are soap, shampoo, and other related items. Monetary gifts are always accepted.



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### **The View from the Back Page**

You might want to pay special attention to this month's lessons from the prophet Jeremiah. In a time when it seems as though our choices for selecting leaders for America's future are quite possibly the most questionable in terms of our prospects for the future than at any time in our memories, and things aren't going so well in the so-called "culture wars," Jeremiah's mournful prophecies of judgment and subtle prophecies of salvation are worth hearing.

A people that exchange knowledge of the true and living God for imaginative reconstructions of God or human technological, scientific, and ideological replacements for God are soon left to their own devices as God's judgment is often to let us have our way. Judah's choices were for rather blood-thirsty gods and unreliable politics - so their judgment also was intense. In our current time of chaos, in whom is our trust? Are we trusting in unreliable ideologies and have we hidden from ourselves the costly consequences of our ways? Judgments follow such choices, for hearing is too easily stopped up and suffering is sometimes God's only way to reach us.

The good news is that even in the midst of some of the most devastating prophecies of destruction God proclaimed by the mouth of a prophet, Jeremiah also had a couple of subtle oracles of salvation. Despite proclaiming Judah's coming destruction, Jeremiah also purchased a family plot of land according to the covenant rules for redemption - with the understanding that land would once again be bought and sold in Israel and that covenant faithfulness still stood for something. Likewise, he foretold of a coming new covenant, an everlasting covenant not based on external laws and secured by the Lord Himself. In a questionable time, covenant location matters more than community location. Learning to be new covenant people might be the most important means of hope and survival in our current distress.

*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
	<b>HPC GAME NIGHT!</b> = September 4th 4-6 pm in Fellowship Hall. 	 = <b>HIGHLAND            HERALD            DEADLINE</b>		1	2	3
<b>4</b>  Holy Communion 	<b>5</b> <b>LABOR DAY            HOLIDAY!</b> <b>Office Closed!</b>	<b>6</b> 11 AM - Video Bible Study  6:30 PM - Prayer Shawl Meeting	<b>7</b>  6 PM - Bell Practice	<b>8</b> 10AM - Pastor's Bible Study	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  Arlene Fugate
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  7:00 PM Ladies Evening Circle	<b>13</b> 8:30AM Men's Breakfast  10:00 AM Ladies' Morning Circle  11:30 AM Ladies' Out to Eat	<b>14</b>  6 PM - Bell Practice	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	 Terry Graham, Jr.  6 PM - Session Meeting	<b>21</b>  6 PM - Bell Practice	<b>22</b> 10AM Pastor's Bible Study   Georgann Hickman	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 	 Bobby Cannon	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  6 PM - Bell Practice	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  JoAnne Flores	