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Sermons for the Month of May

The month of May is a "liturgically" full month this year. Because Easter is a "movable feast" it re-sets all the following church holidays. Therefore, we will have the Ascension of the Lord on Thursday, May 5 - which is also the National Day of Prayer - Mother's Day is May 8, Pentecost is May 15, and Trinity Sunday is May 22, while the final Sunday is part of Memorial Day weekend! Of course, some of these are church holy days and some are civic holidays. Either way, the best way to celebrate is with worship! The first Sunday in May is the 1st. We will take communion in worship as we study John 14:23-29 and Acts 16:9-15 and consider ***A Hidden Work, An Open Response***. May the 8th, Mother's Day, treat Mom to a morning of worship where our Scriptures will be John 17:20-26 and Acts 16:16-34 and answer the question, ***Who is a Prisoner, Who is Free?*** May 15th is the "hump Sunday" of a five Sunday month and is Pentecost Sunday. The lessons from John 14:8-17 and Acts 2:1-21 illuminate ***So Great a Gift***. You'll likely need your thinking caps on May 22nd, because it is Trinity Sunday and the Scripture lessons are from Romans 5:1-5 and John 16:12-15 to consider the Trinity as best being ***Known in the Works***. Finally, as a part of Memorial Day weekend, May 29th we will reflect on 1 Kings 18:20-39 and Luke 7:1-10 and see ***The God Who Answers***. This is a fascinating blend of things to celebrate and recognize. The common denominator is: let's do it together in Sunday morning worship!

It Happened in Session

The Session met for its regular meeting on April 19, 2016.

Scott Mackey advised that Camp Gilmont is

offering a Campership Program, which offers the opportunity to sponsor one or more children for camp this summer. The Session discussed the possibility of offering the members of the congregation the chance to contribute to this program with a special love offering to honor the memory of Rev. Ray Garvey. Ray enjoyed camping and through the years has served in a leadership role at church camps.

Following discussion the Session approved receiving the offering at the May potluck on May 22nd. They further approved matching the amount received with money from the Youth Activity Fund.

Eleanor Garvey reported that Easter cards were sent to those in nursing homes and those confined to their homes and Easter lilies were taken to several of those people. Cards to sign will be available for shut-ins at the next potluck. Ten prayer shawls and lap robes were taken to the Cancer Center at Mother Frances. They were most appreciative.

The "One Great Hour of Sharing" offering was well received with \$405 contributed. Thank you!

Zana Byers advised that the new flower arrangement for Sunday worship continues to be well received. Communion will be served at the May 1st worship and will be taken to the homebound if they wish to have it.

According to Jerry Ragan, the spring air-conditioning checkup has been completed. The church has 18 systems consisting of a condensing unit, cooling coil and furnace/air handler and only one needed a minor repair. Jerry also noted that Ron Lowrance has fertilized the lawn grass.

Lora Savoie and Claudia Anderson attended the Women's Conference at 1st Presbyterian in Tyler. Lora reported that they discussed the possibility of joint Bible study with the ladies of 1st Presbyterian.

Snacks, following Sunday worship, continue to be available. Even for those who are not hungry, this is an opportunity for fellowship, according to June Ragan. The monthly potluck will be on April 24th.

Ladies, Please Read...



Tuesday, May 3rd: Prayer Shawl Meeting will be at Deb Lowrance's house at 6:30 p.m.

Mon., May 9th at 7:00 p.m.:

Ladies' Evening Circle



Tue., May 10th at 10:00 a.m.:

Ladies' Morning Circle



Tuesday, May 10th: Ladies' Out-to-eat at PotPourri House at 11:30 a.m.

WOMEN'S SALAD LUNCHEON



May 14th, 11:30 A.M.

At

**Highland Presbyterian
Church**

Bring a favorite salad to share.

Drinks & Dessert Provided

COME JOIN THE FELLOWSHIP, FOOD & FUN!

News from Jory Bayne in South Asia Excerpts from Jory's March 2016 newsletter:

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all the generations, forever and ever! Amen." Ephesians 3:20-21



Only God Knows...

Only God knows the impact a single relationship can have. Debasish, the guy I met on Facebook and who I wrote about in October and November, is continuing to grow in faith! At the beginning of March, Cru (Campus Crusade for Christ) in South Asia sent out four mission trip teams to reach various villages on the outskirts of the city. Of the ~50 students being sent out, Debasish was one of them. Not accidentally, he and his team were sent to his hometown, a type of suburb-village hybrid that was just a two hour train ride north of the city. This is a town where the word "Jesus" is literally an unknown word to the majority of its inhabitants.

In that one week they shared the gospel 97 times and saw 59 students pray to receive Christ. Of those

who received Christ, 4 took the step to be leaders on their campus by starting Bible studies/fellowships. At one of the few churches in the area, which is home to maybe 20 people, the team led the Sunday service with music, testimonies, and a sermon. They had a HUGE turnout and they said it seemed like a church revival moment! Apparently, the church had some unresolved conflict within the elder board and was slowly falling apart. At one point Cru staff were able to talk with the elders and, in conjunction with the Holy Spirit, brought peace amongst the church leaders. All of this brought great joy to Debasish's mom (whom I've met) who went around telling her neighbors and family about how God used an obscure foreigner to change her son's life.

I mentioned that we helped fund this trip. Because of your support, YOU helped fund this trip to happen! I find it crazy how God weaves all things together. Only God knows that a simple Facebook message could start a chain of events that could lead to a transformed family, church, and village. Only God knows that your support could not only fund me in my ministry, but in turn support students like Debasish to be sent out to the unreached. Thank you so much for your love and support. You matter deeply to me.

Jory Bayne

PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. Praise God for the 4 student leaders and the 97 students who heard the gospel in the village. Pray that those who truly believe would grow in faith and that those who heard but do not yet believe would continue seeking truth.
2. Praise God for Debasish and the blessing he's been in my life. Pray that he would be able to break old addictions he has and that 10 years from now he would grow into a strong, influential leader that continues to fear the Lord and love others deeply.
3. Pray for our team to finish strong relationally. That we would speak the truth in love and encourage one another. Pray through Ephesians 4 for us. Pray also, that enough people would sign up to send a STINT team next year.
4. Pray for Sarvajeet. He met with me and some guys on the Vision Trip that came last week, came to church twice, Cru once, and has heard the gospel 5 times in one week. Pray that he would respond in faith and be transformed.

For those of you with Facebook accounts, view more updates of Jory's South Asia mission stories, progress, and photos at <https://www.facebook.com/jory.bayne>. Also, the newsletters that we have been receiving from Jory, are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer of the church.
Dorothy "Dotty" Ragan



Becky's Music Notes

May 2016



I am so proud of the bell choir. They have worked very hard and are still working very hard. We played Sunday, April 24, and they were wonderful. We will play again in May, before taking a well-deserved break for the summer. If you missed us in April, I hope you will be in attendance in May.

This has been a fun, interesting and educational year for me. I directed the children's bell choir several years ago when my daughters were in elementary and middle school. But, this is my first experience with an adult choir (other than subbing for Mom once in a while); not a whole lot different, just taller and (a little) older. But I have enjoyed the year and I hope that most, if not ALL of the bell choir comes back in the fall. I have already started looking at music for next year.

Hope to see you all on the 22 of May for our final performance; with an added bonus of a potluck after worship.

Love and Prayers,

Becky Davis



Highland Highlights for May 2016:

Saturday, May 14th:

11:30 AM – Women's salad luncheon

Thursday, May 19th:

June 2016 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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| 1 | Ed White | 20 | Chuck Tompkins |
| 5 | Mike Ragan | 24 | Mike Burrow |
| 6 | Beverly Scott | 30 | Chrissy Davis |
| 11 | Dorothy Ragan | | |

The JUNE 2015 Highland Herald submission DEADLINE is MAY 19TH!

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 Thursday, May 26th.



Thank you, *Dorothy Ragan*. ☺

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.



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

Cancer Patients: Lee Shafer, Jonah Daily, Mike Burrow, Joy Carreno, David Garvey, Jeff Hedges, Rita Kelly, Jan Park, Donna Richardson, and Carl Trent; **Continuing Concerns:** Eleanor Garvey, Ross Clayton, Sharon Cohen, Janet Mackey, Ann Gstohl, Jory Bayne, Bonnie Cottrill, Sally Ferrell, Mark Garvey, Joan Heck, Jean Hedges, Sue McCool, Sue Sharp, and Michael Williams. Be also in prayer for the families of Sue Masters and Gene Jeffers. Sue Masters, Dorothy's mother passed away April 13th and Gene passed away April 23, 2016. *(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.)*



May is Baby Month! Requests are for diapers, sizes 3, 4, 5, and 6 (tends to be the greatest need), baby food, formula, and baby wipes, etc. Monetary gifts are always accepted.

Thank You!

I want to thank you all for the prayers, cards, letters, flowers, and attendance to my Mom, Sue Master's Celebration of Life Service. We are at peace now as our mother is in Heaven with her Savior, Jesus Christ, and healed.

The family of Sue Masters



Please pray for Pvt. Ross Clayton, son of April Linthicum, and grandson of Chuck and Deb Tompkins. Also be in prayer for all of our 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

Thursday, May 5, is the National Day of Prayer. That is an important civic event which will likely get at least a little bit of local news notice. It is also, however, The Ascension of the Lord Day. Those who have been in church for any appreciable time know the gospel story of Jesus' ascending into heaven and being taken up into the clouds. Many of us remember the old flannel board pictures of Jesus lifted bit by bit up the white cloud and blue sky background. And it is the image we remember, not the question of why it might be important.

Salvation come through faith, and faith requires a hint of uncertainty. If Jesus had remained on earth in His resurrection body, it would be impossible to deny Jesus' existence and His resurrection because they would be facts. That doesn't mean people would have believed He was Lord and that sin-soaked humanity might not have attempted to endlessly attempt to re-nail Jesus to a cross of death. In addition, if we would ask anything of Jesus, we would have had to deal with the physics of this world to either travel to where Jesus chose to dwell or to wait our turn as one man communicated by whatever technological means to whoever wished to speak to Him.

Jesus returned to His Father so that He could give a people who had to trust the witness to Him as being true His Spirit to create and deepen faith and equip His people to continue the witness. Rather than limit His works to a place, Jesus sits at the right hand of God as the anointed King of Kings and He waits while God works to put all His enemies under His feet. A people filled by and led by the Spirit witness to the authority and hope of Christ's coming kingdom. The National Day of Prayer is important because since Jesus is at the right hand of God, we have access to pray directly to God for ourselves and for our nation. We needed the Lord's ascension and we await His return.

Scott Mackey

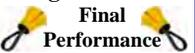


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Highland Presbyterian Church

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  Ed White  Holy Communion	2	3 11 AM - Video Bible Study 6:30 PM - Prayer Shawl Meeting	4  6 PM - Bell Practice	5  Mike Ragan National Day of Prayer	6  Beverly Scott	7
8  Mother's Day	9 7:00 PM Ladies Evening Circle Meeting	10 8:30AM Men's Breakfast 10:00 AM Ladies' Morning Circle Meeting 11:30 AM Ladies' Out to Eat	11  Dorothy Ragan  6 PM - Bell Practice	12 10AM - Pastor's Bible Study 	13	14 11:30 AM - Women's Luncheon 
15	16	17 6 PM - Session Meeting	18  6 PM - Bell Practice	19 <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Highland Herald Deadline!! </div>	20  Chuck Tompkins	21
22  Pot Luck Highland Bells' Final Performance 	23	24  Mike Burrow	25	26 10AM - Pastor's Bible Study 	27	28
29	30  Chrissy Davis  Memorial Day Office Closed!	31				