

AUGUST EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

August 2 –SENIOR ADULTS 1ST WEDNESDAY LUNCH & BIBLE STUDY
Lunch will be provided by Colonial Chapel Funeral Home.



Sunday, August 6
Pre-School - 12th

CHURCH-WIDE PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, August 6 - 8 a.m. - Gym
Join us for a great time of food & fellowship!



Back to School
Prayer Walk

Join us on Sunday evening, August 6 as we gather at area school campuses to pray over the school, students, staff, and all upcoming activities.



On Wednesday, August 9, our fellowship meals will resume. Serving will begin at 5 p.m. followed by Worship, Prayer time, & Bible study at 6.

Menu: Pulled pork sandwiches, chips, dessert

Women's Ministry Craft Night

August 23 at 5:30
\$25.00 per person.

SIGN UP TODAY. DEALINE IS AUGUST 6!



****Finance Committee will meet Sunday, August 20th.**

****Quarterly Business Meeting, Sunday, August 27th.**

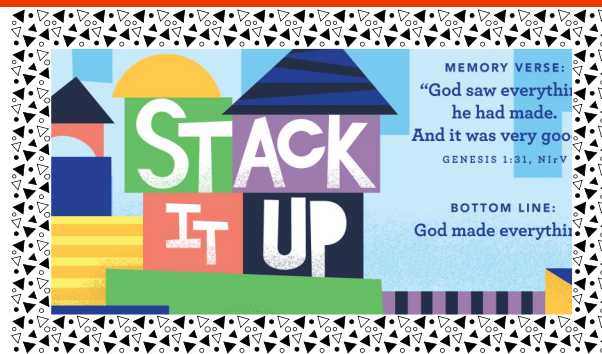
Sunday, August 27

Lunch will be provided followed by the New Member study.

Begins immediately following morning worship. Sign up today!



PRESCHOOL - Birth thru 4 years old



CHILDREN - K5 thru 6th Grade



STUDENTS - 7th Grade & Up



Your Highland Student Ministry is doing great things. If you aren't a part, it's not too late to join! Classes are held on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. & on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. Make plans to come and bring a friend!

Join them for a BACK-TO-SCHOOL RALLY on August 9. More details to come.

Stay connected for dates and times of more opportunities of worship & fellowship.

MEN'S & WOMEN'S MINISTRY



Saturday, August 19 at 5 p.m.
All men are invited!

Coming in September.....
Men's Bible Study will begin on Tuesday, September 19 at 6 a.m. This is a 5-weeks study. All men are invited to participate.



Sunday
November 19
7:00 p.m.
Salem Heights
Sign up today!
Tickets are \$35.12
See Gail Saul for more information.



Craft Night - August 24
Deadline to sign up is August 6.
Cost is \$25.00 per person
For more information, see Gail Saul.



From the **ADMINISTRATOR**
Ben Howse

July was hot, which strained the church's air conditioning systems to their max. We successfully replaced three of our six 30-year-old HVAC systems on the roof. Hopefully, the others will make it through this year. After replacing one of the Learning Center units earlier this year, we have three more old air conditioners on the ground that won't be long with us. That makes six HVAC systems that need replacing sometime in the near future.

Brother Dave and his tech staff continue to work the bugs out of our sound and live stream systems. Budget restraints have made this a slow process, but they are getting it done as fast as the funds come in. By August 6, our tech staff plans to complete work that will allow us to enjoy worship songs and music in the gym on Wednesday nights while live-streaming our Bible studies.

Tithes and offerings are currently around \$40,000 under our year-to-date budget. So, please give if you can. We have kept expenses to approximately \$67,000 under the YTD budget, making our cash flow positive. Many needed repairs are awaiting funds. Thanks to those who recently gave to our Capital Replacement Fund to pay for our three air conditioners' replacement and other needs. God bless your faithfulness.

August will be a great month to plan the church's future collectively. Committees will meet to select Deacons, committee members and work to establish our 2024 budget. Pray for our Committees as they do their job serving our Lord.

God continues to send us visitors and new members every week! Your love for them and Jesus is a blessing to our church.

Have a Great and Blessed August.

Ben



General Budget
Building Improvements
Rain Down Ministries/D.R. Missions
Embrace Grace
Mission at the Cross

Choices Clinic
Christian Food Mission
Valiant Call Ministry
The Glory House
Highland's Ministries



Backpack Food Ministry for North Jones Elementary

This is a great ministry for needy children. Please help out by donating items or with monetary donations. Make check payable to Highland and note Backpack Ministry. Begin bringing items on Sunday, August 20th.



From the SENIOR PASTOR Eric Estes

Goodbye to Summer 2023! I know that the official calendar doesn't say goodbye to summer until after Labor Day, but with school getting into full-swing, now as early as the end of July, it is time to move our attention to the Fall.

What a wonderful summer that we have had! We have been blessed to enjoy a wonderful Vacation Bible School, Youth Camp, Children's Camp, and a Dominican Republic Mission Trip. In all four of those events I can confidently say that there were eternal differences made in the lives of the participants. Thank you for supporting, encouraging, and praying for all of these events. We are grateful to our Lord for allowing each of them to occur.

We have had wonderful times of worship as we have gathered on Sunday mornings. It seems to be a different crowd from week to week as so many are in and out on summer vacations. I am anxious for everyone to get back into somewhat of a routine so that we can all put our hearts and minds on what the Lord has for us this Fall.

Speaking of this Fall, you are going to be hearing of many opportunities for you to connect with your church family and be a part of what God is doing. We cannot wait to tell you all that the Lord has placed before us. Stay tuned and pay attention to where you can connect.

In the immediate future I want to mention Promotion Sunday and Pancakes on August 6. Our children and youth will promote to their new Sunday groups that morning. The ENTIRE church is invited to a Pancake Breakfast from 8:00-9:00 in the gym. We will conclude the day by prayer walking at our local school campuses.

Our Wednesday night meals will resume that week on August 9. Wednesday nights are a time of sweet fellowship around the table and around God's Word. We are announcing a new format and new schedule for Wednesday's. Our supper will be served from 5:00-6:00 in the gym. Bible study for all ages begins at 6:00. Bro. Dave is going to have a time of worship in the gym beginning at 6:00. This will be followed by a time of organized prayer. I will then have our Bible study time as we continue walking through the Gospel of Matthew. If you haven't joined us on Wednesday nights you are missing a blessing.

One more thing, another Membership Class will be occurring on Sunday, August 27, following the morning service. We will be serving lunch and will spend some time following lunch looking at what it means to be a member of a local church. If you know of someone who has been visiting and is interested in becoming a member of Highland this class is required. Encourage them to sign up in-person or online.

I am constantly in awe of all that the Lord is doing at Highland. We are grateful.

Bro. Eric

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY MORNING

Worship Ministry & Band Rehearsal

8:00 a.m. - Sanctuary

Adult Life Groups – All Ages - Various Locations on Campus

9:15 a.m.

Pre-School - Birth thru 4 years old - Pre-School Hall

Life Group - 9:00 a.m. Large Group - 10:30 a.m.

Children - K5 thru 6th Grade - Children's Hall/Gap Wing

Life Group - 9:00 a.m. Large Group - **Not meeting during summer**

Students - 7th Grade thru College - Student Building

Life Group - 9:15 a.m.

Morning Worship Service

10:30 a.m. - Sanctuary

SUNDAY EVENING

August 6 - Prayer Walk on area school campuses

WEDNESDAY

Mid-Week Morning Bible Study

10:30 a.m. - Fellowship Hall

Lunch is served on the first Wednesday of each month.

Menu: Lunch this month is being provided by Colonial Chapel.

Mid-Week Evening Services

***Beginning August 9th, meals will resume. Serving will begin at 5 p.m.**

Worship will begin at 6, followed by Prayer time & Bible study.

Pre-School Mid-Week Study & Activities

6:00 p.m. - Pre-School Hall

Children Mid-Week Study & Activities

6:00 p.m. - Children's Hall

Students Mid-Week Study & Activities

August 9 –BACK TO SCHOOL RALLY

6:00 p.m. - Student Building

On August 6, a new women's morning small group will begin. Women Encouragers class will be lead by Mrs. Vicki Sewell. This group is for ladies, ages 40+. They will be meet in Room 132.



8/10 - 4:30-5:30

8/24 - 4:30-5:30

Service Broadcast Schedule

Highland Church App

Download from your APP store.

Facebook Live Stream

Sunday - 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday - 6:15 p.m.

Website

www.highlandchurch.net

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2023 Informer

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