TO RESERVE OUR FACILITIES

We are happy that our building is used throughout each week by many different classes and groups. All building use needs must go through the main office for scheduling. You can contact Linda at 918.627.0783 or lindar@hptulsa.com to schedule your event.

Sermons

Sermons are available at hptulsa.com/media and on iTunes, Spotify and Stitcher. Also, look for more HP content on Roku and Apple TV devices.

HIGHLAND PARK STAFF

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DO NOT FORWARD

LOVE GOD (WORSHIP)

DATE	IN PERSON	ON-LINE	TOTAL
Aug 06	128	61	189
Aug 13	136	60	196
Aug 20	109	68	177
Aug 27	139	68	207

AS GOD PROVIDES

YTD Need: \$ 555,085.96

YTD Received: \$ 479.187.90

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RUN FOR BLACKBOX!



Saturday morning, October 14
1k, 5k, and 15k options to walk or run
Donations only

Near the Gathering Place along the Arkansas River

You can participate or volunteer.
Email run@blackboxinternational.org
and Brian will get you the details.



You submitted some great Tough Questions for our annual series. We're excited to tackle these big questions by studying the Bible together. We hope you'll bring friends and be ready to participate with us.

August 27 - Should I spend less time with church friends?

September 03 - Is God changing me or am I stuck?

September 10 - Why are churches arguing about the role of women?

September 17 - How do we help those wanting to quit church?



WELCORNE TO THE FARNILY!



Three of our students made decisions to give their lives to Christ and were baptized! We celebrate with them and their families. Please keep these youth in your prayers as they grow in their Christian lives:

Tyler Blanton Bianca Lahmeyer Victoria Lahmeyer

OUR DEEPEST SYMMPATHY

Bud Riggs finished his race! Long-time member, Bud Riggs, died on August 22, 2023. His memorial service was on August 31 at Floral Haven.

For many years, Bud served as an Elder at Highland Park and was awarded our Elder Emeritus plaque when he could no longer serve in that position.



Pam preceded Bud in death in December of 2021. Together, they leave a legacy of love and leadership to the HP family.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His faithful servants." (Psalm 116:15)



We are now collecting blankets, hats, mittens, and scarves to give out during the cold months. Your help is needed and appreciated!

Other Needs
Hearty canned soups - Crackers Peanut Butter & Jelly

The 2:20 Center is open on select Saturdays by appointment through the church office (918.627.0783)

PRAY FOR JORDAN

Jordan Miller left for basic training in the Air Force National Guard on Tuesday, August 15. Jordan has grown up at HP and has been a leader in many areas. She has also served in our Learning School. Please keep her in your prayers! And let the Millers know if you'd like to send her a letter of encouragement.



HP LEARNING SCHOOL

Learning School began the 2023-2024 school year in August. You can support them in three important ways:

- 1. Spread the word! Do you know someone who could benefit from our school? We serve ages 1-PreK. We would be happy to set up a tour to show your friend or family around our school. Have them text *LSTour* to 918.228.5718 to set up a tour or chat with one of our Directors about any questions. Our two-year-old class is currently full, but all other classes have space available.
- 2. Purchase something off our Amazon wish list. Text *hplswishlist* to 918.228.5718, and we will send you our Amazon wish list shopping link.
- 3. Pray for us! Did you know that last year we had 28 students and only 2 of those students were Highland Park kids? Every Tuesday and Thursday our school is a mission field. Pray for our students and their families to connect to Jesus!!

THANK YOU!

Dear Highland Park,

I am so excited to be joining the staff at this wonderful church. I have received countless notes, letters and words of encouragement as I have started this new journey. You are all too good to me!

I cannot say thank you enough to those of you on the Worship and Tech teams. You have made this transition easy and painless and I am so blessed to get to work with you every Sunday! Also, to those of you who have helped watch our kids (anytime) but especially on family Sundays, a giant THANK YOU! This truly is one big family and I am so thankful that my family and I get to be a part of it!

Much Love! Ali Carlton

YOUTH NEWS

CIY MOVE was an amazing time of fellowship and growth for our students this year. Three of our students made decisions to get baptized! Praise God! These students are *Victoria Lahmeyer*, *Bianca Lahmeyer*, and *Tyler Blanton*. We had great speakers, awesome worship, and we got to take our students white water rafting! We are so thankful for what God did over the course of that week and is continuing to do in the lives of our students. (See pictures on front page.)

Our Back to School Bash was so fun! We got to swim, play games and eat pizza to celebrate the beginning of a new school year. Thanks so much to the *Pitezels* for their hospitality in allowing us to use their awesome backyard!

We've started our series in Galatians! We're continuing to dive deeper into Paul's letter to the churches in Galatia to find out what Paul is so fired up about.



Upcoming:

Sep 04 - Labor Day Fishing Trip with the Carltons

Sep 17 - Movie Day at the SUB after church

Sep 30 - The Parent Cohort

Oct 06 - Bonfire w/ Matt and Crystal Lahmeyer

Oct 08 - Elder's Dinner with the Maddux's

Oct 19-21 Camping Trip w/ Valerie and Lynn Lahmeyer

Oct 28 - Fall Fun Fest



Care Group Celebrates
Mary Cook's 80th Birthday!

DUNSON BIBLE CLASS

Beginning September 10, the Dunson Bible Class will begin a 3-week study of 2 Peter. Everyone is welcome. If you can't join the class in person, you can join them at 9:30am on the HP Facebook page.

NEW CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

HP enthusiastically welcomes *Joseph Ramirez-Trejo* as our Interim Children's Ministry Director. Joseph

recently graduated from Ozark Christian College, has started work on a Master's degree, and has been serving with HP's Youth, Apartment Care, and Engagement ministries the past year.

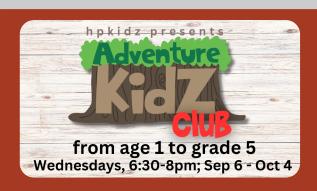


He is married to his lovely wife, *Nicole*, who is actively involved in ministry at HP.

Joseph will be working part-time for us while continuing his other job. Our volunteer team and staff will be contributing to our CM team as well. Please help us in thanking Joseph for serving in this way.

HP ELDERS FOR 2023-24

Our Elders for the new fiscal year which begins in September are: Conor Carlton, Gary Chapman, Matt Crosser, Dave Dunson, Brian Jennings, David Maddux, Mike Pride, and Tyler Thalken. We deeply appreciate the willingness of these men to serve and lead our congregation in the coming year. Please lift them in your prayers.



The Adventure Kids Club will meet on Wednesday nights, September 6 to October 4! There will be puppets, games, stories, fun, music, drawing, sculpting and more! Kids, you will not want to miss this! It will be from 6:30-8pm and there will be activities for ages 1 year old to 5th grade. Text AKCLUB to 918-228-5718 for more info and to pre-register!