

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.

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Brian Jennings: Lead Minister
Peyton Miller: Youth Director
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DO NOT FORWARD

LOVE GOD (WORSHIP)

DATE	IN PERSON	ON-LINE	TOTAL
July 07	164	61	225
July 14	128	70	198
July 21	154	49	203
July 28	183	65	248

AS GOD PROVIDES

YTD Need:	\$ 526,635.36
YTD Received:	\$ 468,620.52



VBS 2024

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Thanks to this amazing team of adults and teens who gave of their time and talents to make Jesus become real in the hearts of our kids!

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SUMMER SERMON SERIES



How are Christians to live when surrounded by suffering, difficulty, and even persecution? How should we think of ourselves? How should we respond to the world?

Our study of 1 & 2 Peter is teaching us God's plan for his people. It's a timely and timeless message. We hope you'll fully engage as we conclude the final weeks of this great series.

08/04/24 - Strange Calling (2 Peter 1:1-11)

08/11/24 - Strange Wisdom (2 Peter 1:12; 2)

08/18/24 - Strange Alertness (2 Peter 3) (PECE Combined Service)

2:20 CENTER

AUGUST FOOD PANTRY
AUGUST 10 & 24
CALL 918.627.0783 FOR APPOINTMENT

2:20 CENTER

FOOD BANK PICK-UP
AUGUST 17

We need: Small packages of sugar, bar soap, toothpaste, and egg cartons.

HIGHLAND PARK LEARNING SCHOOL

Check out our Learning School Wish List! We have several books we need for next year. We also added some new play food and some magnet blocks that our kids love! We'd love for each classroom to have a grow light since we don't have windows in the classrooms.

For an **Amazon Wish List** for the Highland Park Learning School, text the keyword "hplswish" to 918.228.5718! Let's help our school get off to a fantastic 2024-25 school year!

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Carol Powell went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, July 16, after a long struggle with dementia. Her husband, *Ron's*, prayer was that Carol would be "healed in heaven" and that prayer was answered. Her memorial service was on July 22.

Scott Cool's long battle following his stroke was won on Wednesday, July 24. His memorial service was August 2. It was led by his granddaughter, Sarah, and her husband, Mo.

Lynn Wresche's mother, *Elva Bell*, passed away on July 1 at age 98. Her funeral was July 5 at the Del City Church of Christ.

Fred & Linda Boyd's son-in-law, *Aaron Smith*, died on July 6 after a long battle with cancer. A service was held on July 11 in Pace, Florida.

Please continue to pray for these families in this time of loss and grief.

The following men were approved as HP Elders for the 2024-25 Fiscal Year:

Conor Carlton, Gary Chapman, Matt Crosser, Dave Dunson, Brian Jennings, Mike Pride, Tyler Thalken, and Jerry Wade

Lift these men in prayer as they seek to lead God's work at Highland Park.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

To the Dunson Bible Class:
I want to thank you for your prayers for my surgery. When I have visited your class, I see such a loving and caring group of Christians. I am thankful for the support you have provided my sister, *Earlene*, and for your lifting me up in prayer. May God bless each and every one of you. *Linda White*

A huge thanks to *Adam Koloff, Matt Crosser, and Brian Jennings* for working on the sound system in our classroom and adding new speakers. So deeply appreciated! *Dunson Bible Class*

To the Dunson Bible Class:
Thank you for the beautiful flowers and loving support during this difficult time. Much love, *Powell & Shuler Family*

AUGUST 18

JOIN US FOR A COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE WITH OUR FRIENDS FROM P.E.C.E.!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF THE SPIRITUAL HEALTH INITIATIVE ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 25!

YOUTH MINISTRY

This summer, the youth group wanted to focus on serving and outreach so we partnered with *Joseph* and *Matt* and the *Children's Ministry* to do some outreach in the Hoover neighborhood. We had a blast playing games and learning about the Fruit of the Spirit!

HP's *Pickleball Camp* went well! So many kids were able to come learn about pickleball in a safe and welcoming environment. It was a ton of fun, too! Please be praying as HP does more sports outreach that families will get connected to the church and Jesus.

Our 4th of July party at the *Lahmeyer's* was a great time of celebration and fellowship. Thank you to *Matt* and *Crystal* for your hospitality and willingness to open up your home to us!

CIY MOVE was an awesome experience for our students! Matthew 11:28-30, our theme verse, and every story we read pointed to this truth: Jesus wants to take the heaviness of our lives from us. His yoke is easy and his burden is light. He is calling us to walk with Him, work with Him, and watch how He lives. It's time for us to begin to live a different life. An unhurried life. A lighter life. For the rest of our lives.

Our students were challenged to participate in what CIY calls the Rhythm Journals: a 21-day guide to creating habits of spiritual rhythms in our lives so we can experience the rest of Jesus for the rest of our lives. It's easy to go to a place like MOVE and experience the soul-refreshing rest of Jesus, but Jesus calls us to a rest that goes beyond the event. Experiencing the rest Jesus offers in Matthew 11 requires intentionality on our part. We need to do the small but important things that create space in our lives to listen to and rest in Jesus. Our students are participating in this right now. Thank you to everyone who has prayed for them. Please continue to do so as they learn to walk the pace of Jesus.

"It's amazing what Jesus can do when he has our attention." - Mikey Sackrider (MOVE Creative Programmer)

For updates and info about the happenings of HP Youth, sign up with our text in church number!

Text either:

- hphs for high school students
- hpms for middle school students
- hpparent for parents

To 918-228-5718.

"STRENGTH & STABILITY" DAVID DUNSON

We often hear how "older people" need to exercise regularly to avoid falls. The importance of rehabilitation following surgeries is crucial to regaining our mobility.

A variety of simple exercise routines are available. It's important to strengthen our core and improve our balance and stability. Some routines focus on stretching to have better muscle control. Some focus on breathing and posture exercises. Some routines focus on simple strengthening exercises.

Spiritually we need some of the same "exercises" regardless of our age. How strong is your core belief in and commitment to Christ? What are you doing to strengthen your faith and to enhance your walk and witness as a Christian? Are you getting the spiritual nutrition that you need? How is your balance and stability when you have to walk on the uneven and uncertain surfaces of life?

Psalms 143:8-10 says, "Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I entrust my life. Rescue me from my enemies, Lord, for I hide myself in you. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground."

The Apostle Paul told the Philippians that he had not reached the goal but was continuing in his pursuit of continuing to grow in Christ. He said, "Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

HP 101 - August 11

Want to learn more about HP?
HP101 is a free, one-hour lunch for you to learn more about the church, meet the staff, and discover how you can connect. The next one is August 11, after our church service. Text "101" to 918-228-5718 to register.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

ON JULY 21, THE PURSUIT OF THE SALE OF THE 2:20 CENTER PROPERTY WAS APPROVED BY A VOTE OF THE HP MEMBERS.