

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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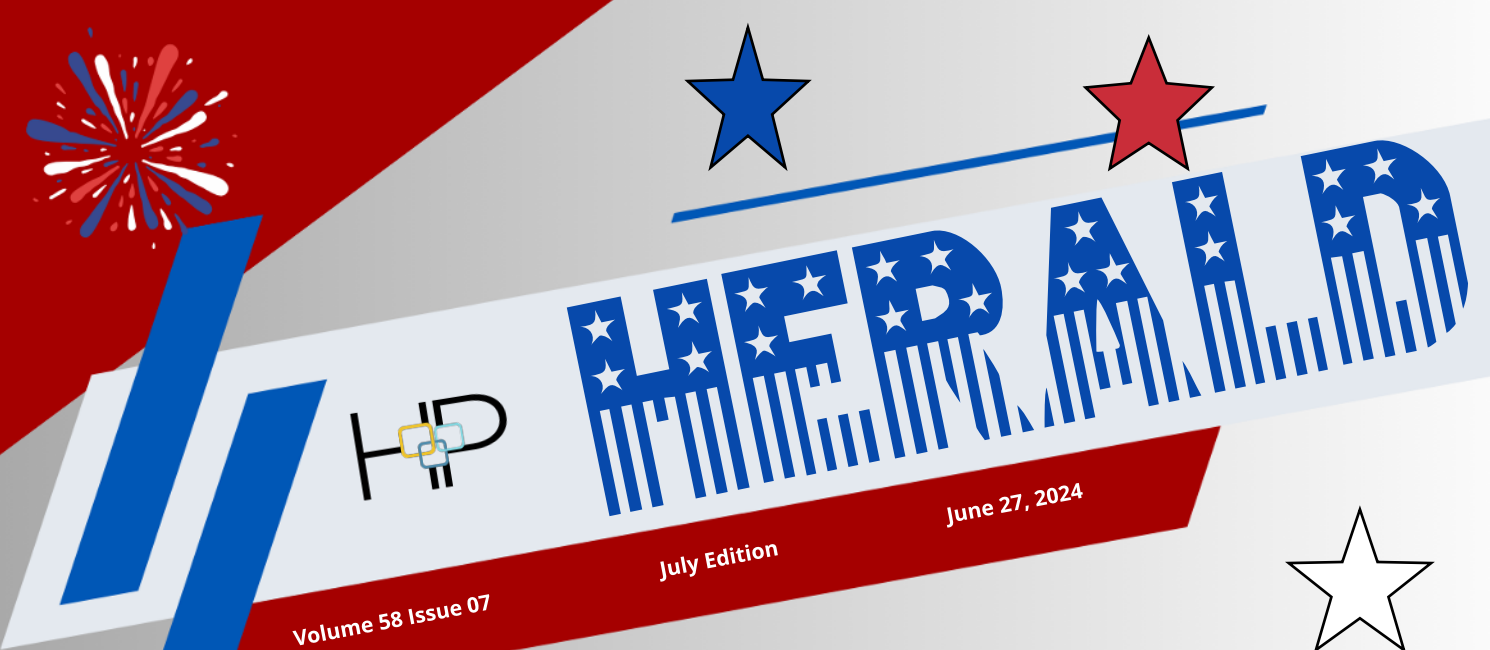
LOVE GOD (WORSHIP)

DATE	IN PERSON	ON-LINE	TOTAL
June 02	136	51	187
June 09	160	46	206
June 16	129	41	170
June 23	128	51	179

AS GOD PROVIDES

YTD Need: \$ 471,777.51
YTD Received: \$ 428,106.51





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JOIN US IN NAZARETH!

Get ready for an exciting Holy Land adventure to Nazareth, the village where Jesus grew up! Divided into tribes, children will learn through experiences that will make them feel like they are in ancient Nazareth, learning about the culture, guiding them in activities and discussions, and helping them connect Bible truths to their real lives.

As the students learn about the culture of Nazareth, we want them to understand that, while Jesus is the Son of God, he also had many of the same emotions and experiences that we do today.

Our volunteers are the ones who make the difference in VBS being just a fun week with fun activities or a time of really understanding the message in God's word. *Would you please consider signing up to help VBS be the best it can be this year?*

To volunteer for VBS, text the keyword **VBSHELP** to **918-228-5718**, or pick up a form in one of the lobbies.

To register your child for VBS, text the keyword **VBSKIDS** to **918-228-5718** or look on our website at <https://hptulsa.com/children>.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JULY 23-26
6:00-8:30PM

TO 918-228-5718. TEXT VBSKIDS TO REGISTER AND TEXT VBSHELP TO SERVE

Can you help us by providing these items?

- Cotton balls
- Egg beater hand drills (loaned)
- Toothpicks
- Extra Virgin Olive oil
- Hand wipes
- Dyeable Cloths (white socks, shirts, bandanas, etc.)
- Rock Salt
- Herbs dried, not crushed
- Metal Buckets
- Potting Soil
- Drying Racks
- Animals (quail, donkey, bunnies)
- Canopy Tents



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 will teach us God's plan for his people. It's a timely and timeless message. We hope you'll fully engage as we continue this great series.

07/07/24 - Strange Relationships (1 Peter 3:1-12)

07/14/24 - Strange Witness (1 Peter 3:13; 4:6)

07/21/24 - Strange Serving (1 Peter 4:7-19)

07/28/24 - Strange Leadership (1 Peter 5:1-13) (VBS Open House)

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

CAN YOU HELP US BY PROVIDING JAMS & JELLIES FOR OUR CLIENTS THIS MONTH?

OPEN JULY 13 & 27

FOOD BANK PICK-UP: JULY 20

WE NEED HELP IN WATERING OUR 2:20 GARDEN THIS SUMMER! SIGN UP FOR A DAY BY TEXTING CATHY KOLOFF AT 918.638.0959.

FRIZZY & ROSCO By Matt Crosser

AT CAMP...

I BROUGHT A FLASHLIGHT TO HUNT THE BOOGYMAN, A COMPASS TO FIND OUR WAY IN THE WILDERNESS...

A MAGNIFYING GLASS FOR STARTING FIRES FOR S'MORES AND A SAFARI HAT FOR HUNTING GIANT WILD MOSQUITOES!

BOY FRIZZY, YOU HAVE SOME IMAGINATION. THE FLASHLIGHT IS TO SEE AT NIGHT, WE'LL ALWAYS BE CLOSE TO OUR CABINS AND WE HAVE MATCHES FOR FIRE!

I'VE HEARD THE MOSQUITOES ARE AS BIG AS HUMMINGBIRDS!

OH MY!

THE END

CONGRATULATIONS, HELEN NEWTON!

Helen Newton was presented with the 2024 Creative Women of Oklahoma Award in Oklahoma City on June 8. It was given by Delta Kappa Gamma of Oklahoma. Helen is currently working on her third book.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Gene Hair, son of Pat & Lloyd Hair, died on June 13 and his funeral was at Floral Haven on June 21. Gene recently attended GriefShare at Highland Park. Please keep Gene's daughter, Rianna, and her son, Dallas, in your prayers.

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

HIGHLAND PARK LEARNING SCHOOL

Did you know that Highland Park has a preschool that meets in our church building? Highland Park Learning School (HPLS) is an extended ministry of Highland Park Christian Church. Preschool-aged children are brought to the church facility for supervised learning and play activities that are conducted in a Christian atmosphere. HPLS meets August through May. Classes are available for ages 1 year through Pre-K. Will you pray for HPLS as enrollment for next school year is underway? Please pray for God to bring families that we can serve and love through HPLS!

YOUTH MINISTRY

High School and Middle School camp were awesome! Our mission this year was *Sunset Bible Camp*. The students got to help with projects around camp throughout the week. Our theme this year was: "Irreplaceable - there are no substitutes for Jesus." We got to look at the "I am" statements of John and learn about who Jesus says he is. So thankful for these two weeks of camp with our students!

Coming Soon!

07/03 - 4th of July Party

07/10 - Hoover Outreach

07/15 - 07/20 - CIY MOVE

07/31 - Youth Group at the Miller's

INDEPENDENCE OR FREEDOM? DAVE DUNSON

Independence Day! On July 4, our nation celebrates its 248th anniversary of independence from British rule. In America, we often use the words “freedom” and “independence” interchangeably. While there are many similarities, there are some distinctive differences, too.

Freedom is defined as “the power or right to act, speak, or think as one wants without hindrance or restraint.” Independence is defined as “the fact or state of being independent, free from outside control.” Independence Day is celebrated in America on July 4 because that was the day that the Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776, declaring the United States as independent from the rule of Great Britain.

Interestingly, the Bible doesn’t say a lot about “independence,” but it has a lot to say about “freedom.” In John 8:31-32, we read, “To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, ‘If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples.’ Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” Later in verse 36, He said, “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

Galatians 5:1 says, “It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.” Later in verse 13, he warned them, “You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh, rather, serve one another humbly in love.”

The Emancipation Proclamation of 1863 ordered freedom to all enslaved people in the southern states of the Confederacy. That proclamation did not provide freedom for all people for all time from the slavery of sin. Only the blood of Christ could do that!

THANKFUL FOR "SOLID GROUND!" BRIAN JENNINGS

It's 7:00am, and the office is unusually loud. I hear heavy machinery outside and workers inside. A neighbor just called in a panic: "Is there supposed to be a truck backed up to your door, or is the church being burglarized?" I reassured her we were okay. My study books are open to 1 Peter, but the interruptions keep coming. I'm thankful for it all.

We began dreaming and praying about a potential giving campaign over a year ago, and now those dreams are turning into a reality. We still have plans to give our restrooms some attention after the other projects are completed, but much has already been done. At a recent Elders' meeting, we paused to give thanks to God for what he has done through the Solid Ground Giving Campaign:

- Many people shared stories of learning about the joy of Biblical generosity. They learned how to trust God, sacrifice, and give generously. We pray this shapes their future.
- Two missionary families are encouraged and better prepared for their work.
- Two enormous facility needs will be met (flooring and parking lot), and our building will be a more welcoming place for years to come.
- Building maintenance will become easier.
- Our Emergency/Savings Fund and our General Fund have been boosted.
- The church was unified, encouraged, and thankful. Leaders emerged, grew, and used their gifts to serve the Lord on the Solid Ground Team and Facility Teams.

SPORTS SURVIVOR

Sports Survivor is on Sunday evenings throughout the summer from 6:30-8:30pm. We have had over 40 different people join us over the last few weeks and we hope more will come out to laugh and hang out! We have played Tillyball (an HP original), Kickball and 9-Square in the Air! It has been a blast! We have had people from ages 7-79 come to play! Watch for the HP texts and announcements at church to learn what game is being played each week!

NEW WOMEN'S GROUP!

Gaye Rotramel will be leading a women's Bible Study on Wednesdays throughout the summer. This group will meet at 1:30pm. (There will be no meeting on July 4 or July 24.)

We will conclude at the end of August.

Call Gaye Rotramel at 918.640.2141 for an address or other information.