

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. Also, look for more HP content on Roku and Apple TV devices.

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DO NOT FORWARD

LOVE GOD (WORSHIP)

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| Dec 07 | 153 | 60 | 213 |
| Dec 14 | 161 | 46 | 207 |
| Dec 21 | 207 | 43 | 250 |
| Dec 28 | 153 | 45 | 198 |

AS GOD PROVIDES

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| YTD Need: | \$ 183,086.09 |
| YTD Received: | \$ 196,342.84 |

Highland Park

Herald

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We pray and study diligently as we prepare the preaching plan each year. We want you to obtain a well-rounded understanding of the Bible, and we pray God's Word will change your life.

We'll begin in January by asking a question: "According to God, what does it mean to live life to the fullest?" We're excited to welcome *Jaron Scott* on January 11. He preaches for *Christ's Church of Joplin* and is a Professor of Organizational Leadership at *Ozark Christian College*. He's a gifted communicator with a heart for reaching people.



January 04 - "A Changed Life"
January 11 - "A Generous Life"
January 18 - "A Precious Life"

On January 25, we'll launch a major study of the book of Genesis.

HAPPY New Year

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2:20 CENTER

The Food pantry will be open January 10 and 24 from 9am-11am.

We'd appreciate these donations in January: shampoo, soap, paper towels and Kleenex.

Thank you, HPCC, for your generous giving to the food pantry and Christmas Market!!



CONGRATULATIONS!

Kelsey (former member) and **Joseph Hederer** welcomed **Margaret Jo Hederer** on December 1, 2025. She weighed 5 lbs. 15 ounces. Congratulations to all of the **Lahmeyer family**, especially **Grandma Lynn** who shared her name with her new granddaughter!



Sienna Lea Meyer is here! She was born on December 27, the daughter of **Hayley** and **Cory Meyer** and granddaughter of **Tim Spencer**!

Congratulations to both families!

A NOTE FROM DAVE

After-Christmas Sales

Do you remember “last year” when people were talking about “Black Friday” and “Cyber Monday?” In mid-December, conversations often included, “Have you finished your Christmas shopping?” Now we are urged to take advantage of “After Christmas” sales.

What do they all have in common? Consumption! “Stretching our dollar” is important in any season. Taking advantage of sales and specials is wise stewardship.

But what are your “After Christmas” plans? How will the things you gave and received help you navigate 2026 in a spiritually healthy way? Was a gift you gave received with such joy that it made you happy that you gave it? Did you receive a gift that is now a reminder of someone’s love and sacrifice for you? Was there a time when the true story of Christmas hit you in such a way that you were reminded of God’s greatest gift to you?

As you put away your Christmas decorations, don’t put away your gratitude with them. Ephesians 5:16-17 reminds us to “Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. Don’t act thoughtlessly but understand what the Lord wants you to do.”

What do you want to do differently that will make 2026 a year of joy, service to others, and experience a deeper relationship with Christ?



Mission of the Month: Ozark Christian College

Ozark Christian College in Joplin, MO, has trained men and women for Christian service, equipping students for ministry impact around the world.

Did you know? Without a library, the Christmas story as you know it might never have happened. Read more from President Matt Proctor at occ.edu/libraryroof.

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GRIEFSHARE

GriefShare Support Group Begins January 7.

The loss of a loved one can make the Christmas season unbearable. One mother described how, in the midst of Christmas celebrations, one of her children said, “This is the worst Christmas ever!” The mother responded, “I certainly hope so – I don’t think I could handle anything worse than this.”

Highland Park’s GriefShare ministry offers support and recovery. It is a 13-week series that will meet in Room 114, beginning on January 7. Each session will run from 6:30-8:00pm. and is led by our Pastoral Care Minister, Dave Dunson.

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Dave through the church office at 918-627-0783 or by email at davidd@hptulsa.com.

WELCOME!

We welcome **Jonathan** and **Luci Hunter** as the newest members to Highland Park. This young couple has already plugged into a Small Group and has volunteered with some serving opportunities. Welcome, friends.

DID YOU TAKE THE CHALLENGE?

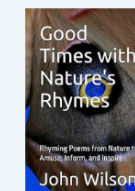
Many of you have participated in the “Be Still Challenge.” You fasted from social media and the 24-hour news cycle for a week (or you modified it to challenge and help you and your family. Here are a few things we've heard:

- I noticed I was less anxious when I quit leaving the news on all the time.
- Our family began a very sweet time of Bible reading.
- My kids are playing more nicely with one another.
- I caught myself wanting to scroll, but after a few days, I did not miss it anymore. It was kinda nice.

WAY TO GO, JOHN!

Did you know that our own John Wilson has published 2 books? “Good Times with Nature’s Rhymes,” and “Good Times with People Rhymes” are available on Amazon.

There is a third book in the works, “Good Times with Bible Rhymes,” available soon.



YOUTH

We spent some time with the residents at the Country Club of Woodland Hills and made Christmas cards for people that needed some encouragement during this season. It was a special time for the students and residents to get to know each other and enjoy crafts and desserts together.



Kennedy Alexander, one of our seniors this year, recently committed to play soccer for the University of Central Oklahoma. We are so proud of her and can't wait to see how God works in her life as she prepares to head to college!



Happy New Year from our youth sponsors - **Ian, Beth, Jordan, Peyton, and Garrett** (as pictured)! I am so thankful to get to serve alongside these men and women.



We'll be studying:

January: How to Serve

Next: Gospel of John

Upcoming events:

Sunday, January 11 - Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser

