

## 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](mailto:lindar@hptulsa.com) to schedule your event.

### Sermons

Sermons are available at [hptulsa.com/media](http://hptulsa.com/media). Also, look for more HP content on Roku and Apple TV devices.

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Brian Jennings: Lead Minister  
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DO NOT FORWARD

### LOVE GOD (WORSHIP)

DATE	IN PERSON	ON-LINE	TOTAL
June 01	147	55	202
June 08	137	55	192
June 15	115	45	160
June 22	145	53	198

### AS GOD PROVIDES

YTD Need: \$ 459,000.00  
YTD Received: \$ 466,773.87

# HERALD

Highland Park Christian Church

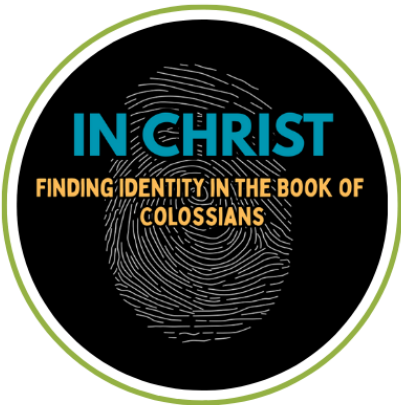
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Love God  
Love Others  
Serve Together

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## WHO AM I...REALLY?



This week I was talking with Peyton about a Colossians sermon, and we realized that every stage of life can bring challenges to our identity.

- Kids take on the identity of those around them.
- Teens try to find their identify in hobbies and friendships.
- College students may ask hard questions about their future plans, degree, and faith.
- Young adults' perception of identity changes with jobs, marriage, or children.
- At 50, you might have a mid-life crisis.
- After retirement you may again be wondering who you are.

The book of Colossians teaches us our core identity which is based upon the identity of God. Please learn with us each week. – Brian

*In Christ: Finding Identity in the Book of Colossians*  
06/22/25 – Prayer from Prison (1:1-14)  
06/29/25 – Bible in a Nutshell (1:15-29)  
07/06/25 – The Walking Dead (2:1-23)  
07/13/25 – Church Clothes (3:1-4:1)  
07/20/25 – Mission Possible (4:2-6)  
07/27/25 – Eternal Partnership (4:7-18)

## WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

*Hayden Donahue and daughter, Isla* – Hayden connected with HP through the Carltons. They are already part of a Small Group, and Hayden is serving in the nursery.  
*Bob and Dianne Fox* – Bob and Dianne, parents of Hayden Donahue, jumped right in at Day of Serving and are looking forward to connecting with HP.  
*Kaylee Ragon* – Kaylee works at Happy Hands. She is part of a Small Group and excited to grow with HP.  
*Peyton Blanton* made the decision to be baptized at church camp! Her parents and siblings were there to witness it. We are so thankful for Peyton and so excited to see how the Lord works in her life.







## MISSION OF THE MONTH

CHRIST IN YOUTH partners with local churches in ministering to youth. We're thankful that Highland Park has shared in and benefitted from CIY throughout the past 57 years! HP Youth will be attending CIY MOVE Conference July 5-12. Pray that lives will be touched and changed!



### ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

*The Tyner Bible Class will begin a study of 1st & 2nd Thessalonians in July. The class is a mixture of lecture and discussion. There is room for more and the group would welcome more disciples into our study of God's Word. We meet in Room 114 at 9am on Sundays.*

*Beginning June 29, the Dunson Bible Class will begin a new series, "Summer (Sermon) on the Mount." The Sermon on the Mount, (Matthew 5-7) is probably the best-known teaching of Jesus and contains so much deep instruction for living like Jesus. Everyone is welcome to join us. Class begins at 9:30am on Sundays in Room 201.*

### OUR SYMPATHY

Dane Tyner's sister, Diane Geddis, passed away on June 12, 2025, in San Diego, CA. Please lift Dane and Kathy and family in your prayers as they go through this time of loss.

### A NOTE FROM DAVE...



#### Serenity Prayer...Now More Than Ever!

The closing prayer at Highland Park's Celebrate Recovery meetings was always the Serenity Prayer:

*"God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; the courage to change the things I can; and the wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time; enjoying one moment at a time; accepting hardships as the pathway to peace. Taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it; trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His will; that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with Him forever in the next. Amen."*

Our world is in desperate need of the serenity and peace that only Christ can provide. Our prayer lists are crowded with issues of loss of loved ones, of health crises, family dysfunctions, and financial needs of all types. The news feeds are filled with stories of homicides, wars, deportation fears, and unchecked anger, rage, and malice.

It was into this tumultuous world that Christ birthed His Church. It was to be a Church empowered by the Holy Spirit who alone can bring love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23). That which Jesus declared would be blessed is the opposite of what the world sees as power and success. Jesus said that His blessings would be upon those who are poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek, those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, and those who are persecuted because of righteousness (Matthew 5:3-10). Perhaps our lack of serenity is due to the absence of what Jesus designed to bring us peace. There is a reason that Jesus pronounced blessing upon peacemakers! Will you renew your commitment to peacemaking so that, "the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus?" (Philippians 4:7).

### 2:20 CENTER

Pantry dates are July 12 and 26 from 9am-11am.  
Food Bank Pick up is July 19.

We were thankful last month to have a full crew on board when the Ministry Center lost power in a storm during our food pantry day. Baxter and Jennifer made a quick trip to Walmart for candles and flashlights. Our small group was still able to share breakfast together by candlelight. It was neat to see our team push through and make sure we could still open the pantry for friends who were able to make it, even though we served them by candle lights and flashlights! As we closed, we realized we needed to haul our frozen items to the church freezers so that we wouldn't lose that food. This was the first time our intern, Olivia, came to serve with us and she jumped right into the middle of the action without hesitation. In fact, a few friends who we served groceries to also joined in and carried frozen foods to the church. It was all hands on deck and there was true joy in serving together through the storm!

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

Registration is now open!  
You can register by texting  
"VBSKID" to 918.228.5718.

You can sign up to volunteer  
for VBS by texting  
"VBSHELP" to 918.228.5718.



### PARK NIGHT!



This is a special time when our youth connect with the Hoover neighborhood at Darlington Park, providing a time of fun and fellowship.

**PARK NIGHT - July 30**

### JULY NEEDS

Ravioli - Sloppy Joe Mixes  
Hamburger and Tuna Helpers  
Jello and Pudding Mixes

LEARNING SCHOOL MEETS  
MID-AUGUST THROUGH MID-MAY  
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS  
9:30 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.  
AGES 1 YEAR TO PRE-K

**TUITION \$175.00  
PER MONTH**

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### coming events

July 2 - Swim party at the Miller's

July 5-12 - CIY MOVE

July 30 - Park Night

August 24 - "Raising Disciples: Parent Conference" (Watch for details!)

