

August Events

- 3—Senior Adult Bible Study & 1st Wednesday Lunch
- 7—First Sunday for Bro. Dave
- 7—Pancake & sausage breakfast at 8:15 a.m.
- 7—Promotion Sunday for Preschool through High School
- 7—Jones County Prayer Walk
- We will join other area churches to meet up in groups and travel to area schools and pray.
- 9—The Precepts class taught by Mrs. Carolyn Blythe will begin. First class is at 9:30 with the second class at 5:30.
- 10—We will resume our Wednesday night meals
- 14—Churchwide Back to School Fellowship - stay tuned for more details
- 21—Finance Committee meeting at 4 p.m.
- 21—Community Service Project (to be announced)
- 28—Quarterly business meeting following morning worship
- 28—Baby shower for Anna Claire Burge at 2 p.m. in the Church fellowship hall. IT'S A GIRL. Registered at Babylist and Amazon
- 28—Churchwide MEAL & A MOVIE at 5 p.m.
- The men will prepare the food and then we will watch "War Room".

Giving Opportunities



Pencils, Pencil sharpeners, Pencil Cases, Erasers, Crayons, Coloring books, Washable markers, Calculators, Child's scissors



10, 9, 8, 7, 6.....

THE COUNT DOWN IS ON.....We are very close to being in our newly renovated sanctuary. It is going to be AWESOME. God has truly blessed this effort. However, we are still short of our goal in the Sanctuary Remodel fund. If you haven't given, you still have time. Just indicate SANCTUARY REMODEL on your check or envelope We greatly appreciate the generosity of those that have graciously given. May God bless each of you!



Please pray and give to help share the gospel around our state. Gifts will be taken during August & September.

Don't forget our other church-supported missions:

Choices Clinic
Mission at the Cross
Love in Action

ACTS TV Ministry
Christian Food Mission
Valiant Call Ministries

PRESCHOOL - Birth thru 4 years old



CHILDREN - K5 thru 6th Grade



STUDENTS - 7th Grade & Up

LIFE Sunday Mornings
Groups 9:15

Women's Ministry

TWO GREAT UPCOMING EVENTS!

Sign up!
TODAY

See Gail Saul
for more
information.

an area-wide
FEATURING JENNIFER ROTHSCHILD & FRIENDS
women's event

FRESH GROUNDED FAITH

ANGELA THOMAS PHARR
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recording artist/worship leader

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH

HATTIESBURG OCTOBER 7 & 8, 2022

Tickets \$49 **FRESHGROUNDEDFAITH.com** Deadline-9/12

Saturday, November 12
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Bethlehem Community Church

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HOPE
WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Lisa Harper
Key Note Speaker

Nicole C. Mullen
Special Guest Speaker

Natasha Owens
Worship Leader

Tickets \$49



From the Administrator Ben Howse

We have a great month ahead of us! August is booked solid with a lot of activities and events at Highland with most listed in this Informer. In addition, announcements will appear weekly in the Bulletin, Brother Eric's Wednesday email, and on our website. We'll start with a bang with Brother Dave Hook on board to lead worship. Shortly, we will schedule an old-fashioned pounding or housewarming to welcome Dave and his wife, Luanne. Watch for a notice. Furthermore, school starts soon, and our children move up to their respective new classes this month.

Sanctuary work continues as planned. We still require more donations to do the needed work in other areas after the sanctuary's completion. We're about \$65,000 short of our goal. Expenses remain under budget, keeping our financial stability strong.

Activities for our Kids and Youth will add energy to their summer excitement as they seek to understand their walk with our Lord. Most activities play out on campus, with a few adventures away from the church.

God has blessed us with visitors every Sunday and sometimes Wednesdays. We're growing by His hand. New Small Groups and Sunday School Classes are in the works. As I write this article, Brother Eric is working with members to develop the leadership and programs for these additions.

Our School Backpack meal program will restart sometime in September. Contact Stacie McBride or me if you are interested in helping this endeavor. We regularly served 32 children last year. Highland Helps (disaster relief team) will meet over the next couple of months and prepare a trailer to carry into relief areas. Contact Joe Johnson if you are interested in serving with this team.

Highland, let your light continue to shine! Keep reaching out to our visitors and invite them to join you in Sunday School or Small Group. Find a ministry to plug into and get involved in our fellowship and work serving our Lord. Thanks again for your prayers, support, and encouragement.

Have a Blessed August!

Ben

Back to School Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for our students. As they begin this school year, help them to use the talents and gifts you've given them to do their very best.

May they listen to their teachers with respect and open-minds. Help them to be honest and to always seek the truth. Help them to be kind to everyone at school, and to serve others as they would like to be served.

Help them to make good friends and be a good friend to someone in need. Lastly, help them to remember that You're always with them and that You'll never leave their side.

May they love You and follow You with all their hearts, soul, and strength. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

HAVE A GREAT SCHOOL YEAR!

Please pray for administrators & staff, teachers, bus drivers, all additional personnel, and especially the students and parents as a new school year begins!



From the PASTOR Eric Estes

What a blessed summer we have had! The Lord has been good to us this summer at Highland. He is always good to His people, but we have sensed it in a great way this summer. We had a wonderful time at Vacation Bible School. There were tons of volunteers, many children, and lives impacted for the Kingdom of God. Our children and youth had very good experiences at their summer camps. Not only did they have a great time, but I have had many reports of the Lord speaking to their hearts. We pray for eternal results. Our mission trip to the Dominican Republic was an incredible, life-changing experience for all of us. We saw the Lord do great things, changing lives physically and spiritually. I am very thankful to our Highland family who have prayed for, supported, and participated in all of these great events. It is a blessing to me.

Two other wonderful events happened this summer at Highland. We began our renovation on our sanctuary and dramatic changes have taken place. It really is going to be a beautiful place of worship, even more beautiful than it was.

Finally, the Lord saw fit for our church family and Dave and Luanne Hook to come together. Dave has agreed to be our new worship pastor. This has been a five-month journey that Dave and myself (and our church family) have taken. It has been evident that the Lord is directing our paths. I could not be happier. Dave will begin in the office on August 1, and he will be with us for his first Sunday on August 7. Please pray for Dave and Luanne as they make the huge move from San Jose, California. They are house-hunting now, and we are praying for a smooth transition. I know that you, our Highland church family, will love on them when they arrive.

One other blessing for the summer, and the entire year, is that our giving has remained strong. Other than one month, we have not spent more than we have received. We do our best to be responsible with the money we receive. We are very close to meeting budget for the year. Budgets are targets, and with the uncertain times that we have been in with Covid, it is hard to find a target. Our administrator Ben Howse and our Finance Committee have done a good job at giving us a target to shoot for in our budget, and they do an incredible job of monitoring where we are monthly.

I say all of that to say that with Dave Hook coming on full-time as our worship pastor this will be the first time since Covid that we have had four full-time staff positions and a full staff altogether. This is an incredible time, and I believe that we are on the verge of seeing great things. BUT . . . it will require God's people to be faithful in their giving that we might support the work of the Lord at Highland. If you are a tither, remain faithful. If you aren't a tither, consider being obedient to this command of the Lord. If you are a casual giver, why not "test the Lord in this and see if He will not pour out a blessing" on His people and His Church.

Finally, Tyler Lightsey has given us his resignation as our Worship Technology Coordinator. There is no way to list all of the things that Tyler does (much of it behind-the-scenes) for our church. I have been indebted to Tyler from Day 1 at Highland for all that he does to make our services and other technology run smoothly. He has a servant's heart. Pray for Tyler and his family as they seek to follow the Lord.

I hope that you have had a wonderful summer, and I hope that you will find a way to be a part of all that God is doing at Highland. Jump in this Fall!!

Bra. Eric

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY

Worship Ministry Practice

8:30 a.m. - Stage Area

Adult Life Groups – All Ages - Various Locations on Campus

9:15 a.m.

Pre-School - Birth thru 4 years old - Pre-School Hall

Life Group - 9:15 a.m.

Large Group - 10:30 a.m.

Children - K5 thru 6th Grade - Children's Hall/Gap Wing

Life Group - 9:15 a.m.

Large Group - 10:30 a.m.

Students - 7th Grade thru College - Student Building

Life Group - 9:15 a.m.

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30 a.m. - Gym

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Check Social Media and weekly Worship Guide for details.

WEDNESDAY

Mid-Week Morning Bible Study

10:30 a.m. - Fellowship Hall

Lunch is served on the first Wednesday of each month.

Mid-Week Evening Services

6:00 p.m. (until August 3) - Gym

Beginning August 10—Meal will be at 5:30, Bible Study at 6:30

Pre-School Mid-Week Study & Activities

6:00 p.m. - Pre-School Hall

Children's Mid-Week Study & Activities

6:00 p.m. - Children's Hall

Student's Mid-Week Study & Activities

6:00 p.m. - Student Building

Sermon Broadcast Schedule

Highland Church App

Download from your APP store.

Facebook Live Stream

Sunday - 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday - 6:00 p.m.

Website

www.highlandchurch.net

TV Broadcast on ACTS TV, Channel 95 (Comcast)

Wednesday's Service:

Monday-8 a.m.; Tuesday-8 p.m.; Friday-11a.m.

Sunday's Service

Sunday-4 p.m.; Thursday-11 a.m. & 8 p.m.

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Highland Church Laurel



OUR STAFF

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