

May

- 1—Drive-thru Wedding Shower honoring Raylee Gavin and Curt Bassett at 2 p.m. at the Kitchen Portico
- 1—Children’s Program at 6 p.m.
- 4—Senior Adults 1st Wednesday Lunch and Bible Study
Menu: Pulled pork sliders, potato salad, baked beans, dessert
- 5—National Day of Prayer
Prayer Breakfast at Southeastern Baptist College at 7:30 a.m. Senator Chris McDaniel, guest speaker.
- 8—MOTHER’S DAY - *Happy Mother’s Day*
There will be no evening services.
- 11—Senior Recognition Supper - Potluck
- 15—Baccalaureate Service during morning worship
- 15—Finance Committee meeting at 4 p.m.
- 17—Highland Learning Center Kindergarten Graduation
- 18—Sanctuary Remodel to begin
- 21—Over 60 Sunday morning Life Group’s Day at the Lake
- 22—Worship Service in the Gym
- 22—Business meeting will following morning worship
- 22—Last meeting for Bro. Eric’s Sunday evening Small Group
- 25—This will be the last Wednesday night meal until August
- 30—MEMORIAL DAY - Offices will be closed
- 31—Last meeting for Carolyn Blythe’s Precepts Small Group



CHOICES CLINIC
OF LAUREL

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER
MOTHER’S DAY
TO
FATHER’S DAY
More information to come.



Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection Items

MAY

Hygiene Items—Toothbrushes (no toothpaste), combs, hair brushes, stick deodorant, bar soap, bath cloths

PRESCHOOL - BIRTH THRU 4 YEARS OLD



Sunday
Mornings
9:15 & 10:30
Pre-School
Wing

CHILDREN - K5 THRU 6TH GRADE

Highland’s
Children’s Department
Presents
The Best Quest
Sunday, May 1
6:00 p.m.
Sanctuary
Come out and support





[LIE DETECTOR]
WEDNESDAY
NIGHTS
AT 6:15 PM



BOUNCE
GET BACK
UP AGAIN
SUNDAY MORNINGS
9:15 AM
SMALL GROUP
10:30 AM
LARGE GROUP

STUDENT MINISTRY-Middle School thru College

Student Ministry
Sunday Morning-9:15 a.m.
Wednesday-6:30 p.m.

Highland Student Ministry



June 27 - July 1
Chatsworth, GA
Deadline to sign up is June 13.
See Bro. Kody for more info.

Congratulations!

- Bradyn Bigler
West Jones High School
- Nathan Guy
MS School for Math & Science
- Patrick Jordan
West Jones High School
- Blake Manns
Northeast Jones High School
- Reese McLaurin
West Jones High School
- Myles Walters
Laurel Christian School

We would also like to congratulate those of our church family that are graduating from both Junior & Senior Colleges!



FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR
Ben Howse

Wasn’t Easter Sunday special? At 350 in attendance, we reached our highest attendance since Thanksgiving of 2019. A lot of guests and *Chreasters* were present. I heard nothing but positive comments after worship. It was a great time in our church.

Our budget offering is still well below what we expected this year. Hopefully, hearts will get right, and collections will increase. On a positive note, we are ahead of last year’s numbers.

The Sanctuary fundraiser hasn’t received much love either. We have the funds to do the project without the fundraiser, but there are several other projects I had hoped to complete in conjunction with the sanctuary renovation to save money. The fellowship hall and first-floor hallways are in great need of repairs. We also have rooms upstairs needing repairs and painting. The air conditioning and heating systems on the kitchen side of the church have reached the ripe age of 25 years old. There are at least seven ten-ton units on the roof on their last leg. And don’t forget the parking lots.

Your prayers, support, and encouragement keep me going. Thank you so much.

Have a Blessed May.

Ben



- 4—Taco Bar
- 11—Senior Recognition
Potluck Supper
- 18—D.R. Fundraiser Meal

We will not have Wednesday night meals during June & July.

MISSION TRIP
T-Shirt Fundraiser
More information to come.

Thank You
FOR
GIVING
GENEROUSLY

Highland is a body of generous givers. You have never failed to greatly support any worthy cause placed before you. THANK YOU! You will surely be blessed for your giving heart.

There are several upcoming projects that need additional funding. Please pray about each of these and give as the Lord would have you to give.

SANCTUARY RENOVATION — DOMINICAN REPUBLIC TRIP
YOUTH & CHILDREN SUMMER CAMPS



FROM THE SENIOR PASTOR

Bro. Eric Estes

These are exciting days at Highland! April 10 and April 17 saw our largest crowds in worship since Covid began. We had 350 in worship Easter Sunday! It was a blessed day of fellowship, worship, and the preaching of the Word of God. We have visitors every Sunday, and there are tons of children all over the place bringing life to our campus.

The month of May brings the end to the school year and the beginning of summer. For the first time in two years we have a full schedule of activities and are full-steam ahead.

As school will come to a close this month I want to brag on a special group of people who committed in September to change the lives of some elementary students at North Jones Elementary. Each week Ben, Kody, and myself deliver Ziploc bags full of food that are given to children who are hungry. These backpack bags of food allow these children to have something to eat to get them through the weekend until school begins on Monday, and they can have at least two big meals each day. As I look back, we have increased from 24 kids originally each week to 27 then to 32 kids. If we count from October when we began that is 30 weeks of food bags. That is roughly 960 bags of food our folks have provided to hungry children!! Praise the Lord! The feedback has been amazing from the school and the children. I am grateful for a group of people who give anonymously to some anonymous children whom our Lord knows all about!! This is being the hands and feet of Jesus I believe. THANK YOU!!

Sunday mornings in the month of May bring Mother's Day on May 8 and Baccalaureate for our graduating seniors on May 15. We are also doing a Senior Supper on Wednesday, May 11. Each senior will display a memory table; we will have a special guest speaker to challenge our graduates; and we will have a potluck meal together to begin the evening. Pot lucks are a great meal for a church family, BUT . . . they require lots of help. I hope that you will bring your favorite dish for your family and one more person. It will be a special evening.

Sunday, May 15, will be our last Sunday worshiping in the sanctuary. Remodeling will begin on May 18. I hope that you are praying for the transition as we will be meeting for worship in our gym for 90 days. I believe that we will all be overwhelmed at the work that will be done. It will be a beautiful work for the Lord's glory.

Grateful and Blessed.

Bro. Eric

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

Sunday Groups | 9:15 a.m. | Varying Locations on Campus | All ages
Pre-School Sunday Groups | 9:15 a.m. | Preschool Area | Birth thru 4 years old
Pre-School Church | 10:30 a.m. | Preschool Area | Birth thru 4 years old
Children Sunday Groups | 9:15 a.m. | Children's Area | K5 thru 6th Grade
Children Church | 10:30 a.m. | Children's Area | K5 thru 6th Grade
Morning Worship | 10:30 a.m. | Sanctuary
Small Groups
Estes-6 pm in the Sanctuary (Last class will be May 22)

TUESDAY

Precepts Bible Study led by Carolyn Blythe | 9:30 & 5:30 | Room 127
(Last class will be May 31)

WEDNESDAY

Mid-Week Morning Bible Study | 10:30 a.m. | Fellowship Hall
Lunch is served on the 1st Wednesday of each month.
Mid-Week Fellowship Meal | 5:30 p.m. | Gym (Last meal-5/25)
Mid-Week Evening Bible Study | 6:30 p.m. | Gym
Highland Kids | 6:30 p.m. | Preschool Area | Birth thru 4 years old
Highland Kids | 6:30 p.m. | Children's Area | K5 thru 6th Grade
Student Ministry Bible Study/Activities | 6:30 p.m. | Student Center

SERMON BROADCAST INFORMATION

HIGHLAND CHURCH APP

Download from your APP store.

FACEBOOK LIVE STREAM

Sunday | 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday | 6:30 p.m.

WEBSITE

www.highlandchurch.net

TV BROADCAST –ACTS, Channel 95 (Comcast)

Wednesday service | Monday, 8 a.m.; Tuesday, 8 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m.

Sunday service | Sunday, 4 p.m.; Thursday, 11 a.m.; Thursday 8 p.m.

YOUTUBE

Highland Church Laurel

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Informer

May 2022



OUR STAFF

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday | 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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