

## MISSION OCTOBER



Due to COVID 19 keeping so many away from church for several months, our donations for the Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes are pretty slim. During October, we are asking for any items listed below to be dropped off at the church. Monetary donations will also be accepted, just mark SHOEBOXES on your check or envelope. Thanks to each of you for your generous & giving hearts.

### PACKING PARTY—NOVEMBER 15TH

Hats, gloves, bandanas, scarves, toboggans (boy & girl, all ages)  
NO CAMOUFLAGE

Bows, headbands, hair clips, jewelry, sunglasses, caps, flash lights  
(include batteries), small purses, tote bags

Sewing kits, bead kits, yarn, water color sets (NO LIQUID), tape  
measurers, notebooks, coloring books

Stuff animals—NEW & must fit in shoebox

Toothbrushes (NO TOOTHPASTE), bar soap, bath cloths, stick  
deodorant, combs, hairbrushes

Dolls, balls, jump ropes, slinkys, cars, yo-yos, kazoos, harmonicas  
NO CAMOUFLAGE

Socks, flip-flops, t-shirts NEW

Pens, pencils & sharpeners, pencil cases, erasers, crayons, washable  
markers, calculators, child's scissors

Jacks, puzzles, play dough, small etch-a-sketches, stickers

Small plastic bowls, spoons, cups, glasses

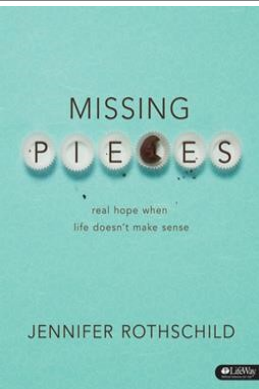
DO NOT INCLUDE used/damaged items; war-related items (guns,  
knives, military figures, anything camouflage); chocolates or food;  
any liquids; lip stick; lotion; nail polish; medicine/vitamins;  
breakable items; aerosol cans; toothpaste; candy

Donation bins are located in various locations around the church

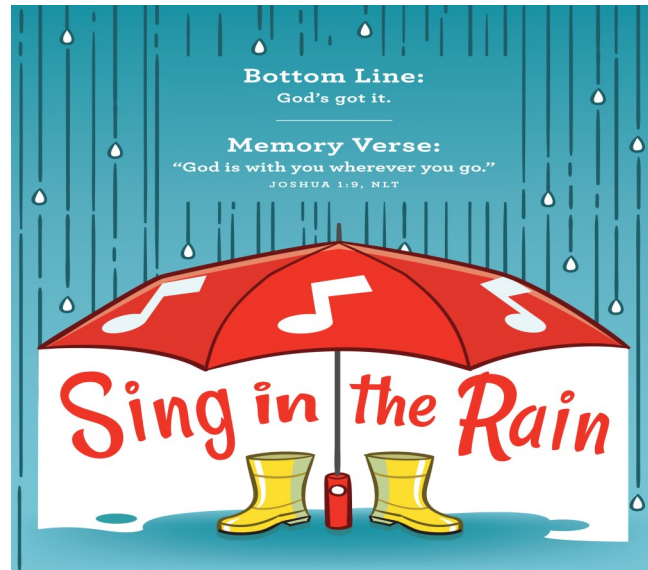
## BIBLE STUDY

**Mrs. Vicki Sewell will be leading the study MISSING PIECES by Jennifer Rothschild. Class will begin on Wednesday, October 7 at 6:15 p.m., Room 103. Sign up sheet is available at the iServe center.**

*Real Hope When Life Doesn't Make Sense*



## PRESCHOOL - BIRTH THRU 4 YEARS OLD



Sunday

9:15 am

## CHILDREN - K5 THRU 6TH GRADE



CHILDREN'S HARVEST PARTY

Wednesday, October 28

6:00-7:30

Food, jumps, candy, lots of activities

Wear your favorite costume!  
(Save the scary ones for Halloween!)

## YOUTH & COLLEGE



**Bible Study**



**College Bible Study**

6:30 pm

WEDNESDAY

7:30 pm

## MUSIC

*Celebration Choir rehearsals will begin on October 11. Watch for times in the upcoming weekly worship guides. We will begin work on our Christmas program "Christmas Changes Everything".*

*Please join us! Can't wait to get started back!*

*Bro. Jim*



**FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR**  
Ben Howse, Interim

October usually brings the first frost in South Mississippi. With cooler temperatures come high school football and the county fair. This year's officials have canceled the fair, and football certainly is not as usual. However, the church is getting back to a new normal. We're back! A ninety-eight-percent or better chance of surviving Covid19 for most of us begs the question, "Why not go to church?" We stand a better chance of dying in a car accident than from the virus. Highland will continue to social-distance in the church, and there will be masks available for those who would like to wear one. We will continue to super-clean everything and provide hand sanitizer. So don't let fear keep you from coming back to church. We miss you when you're not here.

October will also be the month we begin renovations to the church. The Property Committee has been busy. We have contracted the repainting of the church's outside, including the steeple. The work should finish by the end of the month, pending weather. Other renovations inside and out will occur as we have the funds available to do them.

Financially Highland is sound. Our offerings are still twenty-percent lower than we budgeted, but our expenses have been about thirty-four-percent lower than budgeted. Most of that comes from the lack of a full-time senior pastor and staff. God has blessed us with a lower operating cost so we could continue his ministry work and refurbish His house at the same time.

As Brother Eric takes us through Nehemiah, keep praying for your staff and committees to be good stewards of God's funds and that we will lead and serve with God's will in refurbishing the church outside and the people inside. Nehemiah didn't plan to build the wall with hope. He knew that if he did what God told him to do, it would get done despite all obstacles. So he planned with God's guidance and went about his work with confidence from his faith. We can do that too. Confidence in God's provision will get the job done.

Have a blessed October,

*Ben*

## SAVE THE DATES!

**October 4th - Youth/College letters to nursing home residents**

**October 11th - Choir Practice resumes at 8:15 a.m.**

**Youth Activities at 5:30 p.m.**

**October 17th - Over 60 Sunday School Class Outdoor Movie Night**

**October 18th - Youth Activities at 5:30 p.m.**

**October 24th - Youth Bowling & Costume Party**

**October 25th - Youth Activities at 5:30 p.m.**

**October 28th - Children's Harvest Party at 6:00 p.m.**

**November 1st - Daylight Saving Time ends (fall back one hour)**

**Bridal shower for Austin Rozek & Shelby Butler**

**November 7th - Church-wide Bonfire Night at Tyler & Amber's**

**November 15th - Shoebox Packing Party**

**November 19th - Ladies Ministry Movie & Popcorn Night at 6:00 p.m.**

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Eric Estes, Interim



As I type this article I am preparing to return home after delivering hurricane relief supplies to the Lake City Baptist Church in Lake Charles, Louisiana. My uncle, Ronnie Estes, is the pastor there. The city is devastated from Hurricane Laura. The damage is great and is very widespread, as far as 100 miles or so. The church was able to serve as a staging area for meals and supplies immediately following the storm, but was not able to continue to be a base of operations due to a lack of electricity. The power returned this past week, and people have been calling to ask if there was anything available at the church. Thanks to your donations, they have a foundation by which they can begin ministering to their neighborhood and city. Thank you.

I have been very encouraged by the past couple of weeks on campus at our church. Our revival services with my dad were great, and our time together last Sunday was such a blessing. My greatest celebration is not so much that we are back together for the sake of being "together", but my prayer is that our coming together will mobilize us best to be salt and light where we live and to the ends of the earth.

I began a new sermon series last Sunday morning on the book of Nehemiah. I encourage you to join us as we talk about what it means to build a church that serves the Kingdom.

In Christ,

Bro. Eric



*Fall for Jesus.  
He never leaves!*



## WEEK BY WEEK

### SUNDAY

**Sunday School** | 9:15 a.m. | Varying Locations on Campus | All ages

**Highland Kids** | 9:15 a.m. | Preschool Area | Birth thru 4 years old

**Highland Kids** | 9:15 a.m. | Children's Area | K5 thru 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Encounter Service** | 9:25 a.m. | Student Center

**Celebration Service** | 10:35 a.m. | Sanctuary

### WEDNESDAYS

**Sr. Adult Bible Study** | 10:00 a.m. | Gym

**Bible Study led by Vicki Sewell** | 6:15 p.m. | Room 103

**Adult Bible Study/Prayer Meeting** | 6:30 p.m. | Sanctuary

**Highland Kids** | 6:30 p.m. | Preschool Area | Birth thru 4 years old

**Highland Kids** | 6:30 p.m. | Children's Area | K5 thru 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Student Worship**

| 6:30 p.m. | Student Center | 7<sup>th</sup> Grade & Up

| 7:30 p.m. | Student Center | College

### OFFICE HOURS

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

**Closed on Fridays**

### FOR PRAYER REQUESTS

highlandprayer@highlandchurch.net

### CONTACT US

601-428-8493 (Highland Office)

601-425-4225 (Highland Learning Center)

### DVDS OF SUNDAY AM & PM SERVICES

DVD: \$5.<sup>00</sup>

*Submit your payment with completed order form located in the office.*

## SERMON BROADCAST INFORMATION

### HIGHLAND CHURCH APP

Download from your APP store.

### FACEBOOK LIVE STREAM

**Sunday** | 9:25 a.m.; 10:35 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.



October 2020

# Informer

## OUR STAFF

**Rev. Eric Estes**

Interim Pastor

**Ben Howse**

Interim Administrator

**Jim Armstrong**

Celebration Service Worship Leader

**Chad Douglas**

Encounter Service Worship Leader

Interim Student Director

**Shannon Jordan**

Director of Highland Learning Center and Preschool Ministry

**Kaleigh Smith**

Children's Ministry Director

**Amy Lawson**

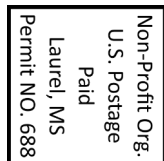
Assistant Children's Ministry Director

**Allison Evans**

Social Media/Web Coordinator

**Tyler Lightsey**

Worship Technology Coordinator



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