

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

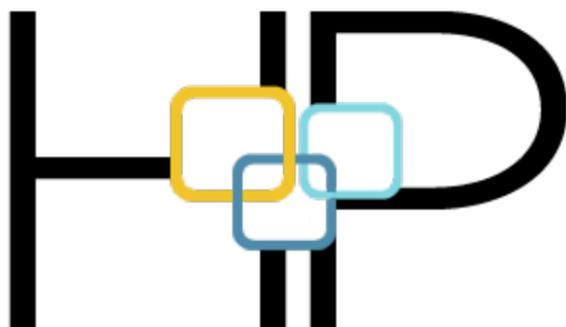
Sermons are available at hptulsa.com/media and on iTunes.

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Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, some scheduled meetings are on hold. Check on the HP website or with your small group/class to see ways you can stay in touch!

LOVE GOD (WORSHIP)			
Aug 01	Indoor (111)	Online (47)	TOTAL: 158
Aug 08	Indoor (106)	Online (46)	TOTAL: 152
Aug 15	Indoor (59)	Online (28)	TOTAL: 87
Aug 22	Indoor (67)	Online (43)	TOTAL: 110
Aug 29	Indoor (86)	Online (41)	TOTAL: 127

AS GOD PROVIDES

YTD Need:	\$ 549,540.02
YTD Received:	\$ 495,198.77

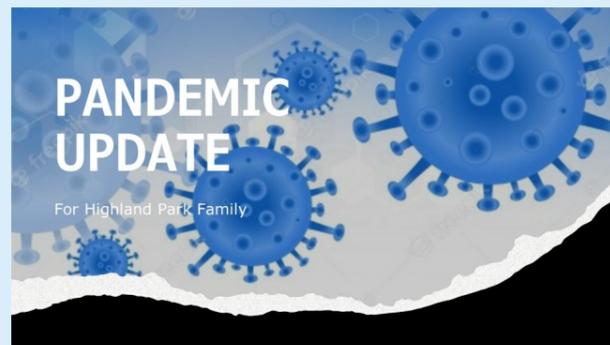


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HERALD



This past week, our church family received a detailed evaluation of the current Pandemic status and how it affects Highland Park. If you have not already done so, please read that email from Brian or find it on the church website at hptulsa.com. Or you can check with the church office (918.627.0783) for a copy.

Because so much is uncertain for the next few weeks, and because of our desire to love each other and our neighbors well:

- **Please don't assume that you or someone from your family just has a cold, allergies, or a little cough.** If you have these symptoms, please stay home and connect with us online.
- **Fist-bumping is back!** If you forget, we have sanitizer stations.
- **We want to take extra care of our kids** who may be more prone to catch it and spread it this time around. If you are a parent, note that all of our CM workers are taking every precaution outlined by the Tulsa Health Department.
- **Until Tulsa gets out of the woods and our healthcare workers aren't desperately begging for the community to take every available precaution, we encourage you to wear a mask when you are coming and going, and when you are singing.** If we all do this (vaccinated or not), for this brief amount of time, we can contribute to health and harmony. If you can't for a medical reason, that's okay. We'll continue to offer the Overflow as a way to be very spread out.
- **Please look for ways to serve those who need extra care and support.** With people scrambling to find child care due to closed schools, others needing to quarantine, others caring for family members, and others grieving the loss of loved ones, we're all going to need some extra care.

Run/Walk To Support Blackbox International

HP has supported the excellent work of **Blackbox International** for more than a decade. Blackbox brings help and healing to boys rescued out of trafficking. We have a unique, fun way of supporting them this year.

About: Join runners and walkers for a 1K, 5K, or 15K along the beautiful River Trail in Tulsa. This event will help us raise awareness and funds for Blackbox.

When: Saturday, September 25th, 9:00 am

Cost: \$25 (includes a Blackbox shirt and swag bag)

Registration: Register at blackboxinternational.org/get-involved. If you have questions, ask **Crystal Lahmeyer** or **Brian Jennings** (brianj@hptulsa.com).



ELDERS ON CALL

In the New Testament, we find the terms, Elders, Overseers, and Shepherds, all referring to the same role or office. At the most recent Elders' meeting, it was decided that our leaders will continue our "Elder On Call" ministry and combine it with our new "Text In Church" app.

"Text in Church" is what we use now for check-in on Sunday mornings, for various sign-ups and registrations, for updates and reminders through the week, and for sharing prayer needs. This is one of the tools that we began using as the pandemic continued to cause disruptions. We found it to be valuable whether we were worshipping in-person or on-line.

Beginning in September, our Elders will utilize "Text in Church" to pray specifically with anyone sharing a need. Each week, one Elder will initiate the text, letting you know they are available for prayer at that time. Simply reply to the text with your prayer need or any type of need, and the Elder On Call will contact you with prayer.

The weekly printed prayer list is available on our website, hptulsa.com, so that you can pray for the needs shared by our Highland Park family. If you would like to receive periodic prayer updates, please e-mail **Dave Dunson** at davidd@hptulsa.com and ask to be included on the prayer update list.

Acts 2:42 gives us a list of key components in the spiritual life of the early Church. "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."

Our Elders look forward to praying with you!



This month's Core 52 article was written by **Jan Pride** and gives us much to think and pray about.

The Core 52 readings have been helpful these past months to explain biblical truths and engage in powerful passages of the Bible, but as Mark Moore states in his introduction, the purpose is that "with the help of the Holy Spirit, you'll make the most of your strategic investment in Scripture to exponentially increase your impact on society."

So 35 weeks into Core 52, am I having an impact on society? Chapter 27, The Gospel, definitely challenges me. Moore says, "This isn't merely our message; it's our responsibility." The Gospel – good news – not just good news in the way we tell others good news; "Guess what? We're getting married" or "I got the job" or "We won the championship." This good news eternally changes lives. Jesus is the King of kings, ruler of heaven and earth. He's our Savior, the One, the only Way to the Father. This is good news that we should be ecstatic about; unable to keep hidden and passionate about telling others.

I've been blessed to practice my passion in my career – giving language to deaf children so they can know Jesus and understand His Word. But the responsibility goes farther. Am I passionate about sharing the Gospel at every opportunity to combat how Satan is working overtime to make sure others never hear the message? I want to make it my responsibility and privilege to "finish my course...to testify to the gospel of the grace of God" (Acts 20:24). Do you?

- Jan Pride



HOW'S YOUR SPIRITUAL HEALTH?

Have you checked it lately? In the past year, how many times have we read, heard, or said:

"Take your kids' temperature before sending them to school."

"Do you have a cough, fever, or runny nose?"

"Have you been around someone who is ill?"

We've had to do lots of physical health checks, but when was the last time you did a spiritual health check?

For the next month, we'll learn from the Bible, pray, and give you resources to check your spiritual health. In a month, we hope to rejoice at how God is shaping our lives into the image of spiritual health that only He can give. We encourage you to read the Core 52 chapter (in parentheses) for each week.

08/22 - Is my life centered on The Good News? (Chapter 27)

08/29 - Is my faith growing? (Chapter 28)

09/05 - Is my leadership clothed in humility? (Chapter 30)

09/12 - Is my love expanding? (Chapter 31)



AND COMING SOON...



Our deepest sympathy is extended to **Earlene Hart** and family in the loss of her husband, **Joe Hart**, on August 20. Services were conducted at HP on August 25. Joe was a much-beloved member of the HP family and will be deeply missed. Continue to lift up Earlene and the entire family in your prayers as they grieve this loss.



Highland Park Learning School is back in session, but it's not too late to get in on the fun! We have classes for one-year-olds through Pre-K. Classes meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 to 2:30. Tuition is \$165 a month. Email Lisa Stewart at lisas@hptulsa.com for more information or to schedule a tour.

THIS MONTH'S NEEDS

FOR THANKSGIVING BASKETS:

Canned Corn - Crispy Fried Onions
Canned Sweet Potatoes - Gravy Mixes
Biscuit Mixes - Pickles - Brown Sugar
Marshmallows - Stuffing Mix



Drive-Through Dates: September 11 & 25
Food Bank Date: September 18

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW GOD'S WORD?

The Bible is full of reminders about the importance of the study of God's Word. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 says, "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

We offer two Adult Bible classes each Sunday morning that can help you consistently develop your knowledge of scripture and grow deeper in fellowship with other believers. **Dane Tyner's class meets at 9:00 am in Room 114, and Dave Dunson's class meets at 9:30 am in Room 201.**

I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. (Psalm 119:11)



Tyler & Ashley Thalken welcomed **Ella Thalken** to their family on July 28. Ella weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces. Big sister, **Charlotte**, is ready to teach Ella lots of new things. We rejoice with the Thalken family!

Fred & Linda Boyd are proud great-grandparents to **Sophia Kimberly Boyd**, born August 27. She weighed 6 pounds, 3 ounces. Sophia is the daughter of **Chase & Casey Boyd**. Congratulations, Boyds!



Cory & Hayley Meyer welcomed **Emelia Faye** on August 25. Big brother, **Roman**, is excited about his little sister, and Grandpa **Tim Spencer** will have lots of pictures to show off!