

# Highlands

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF HIGHLANDS CHURCH  
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## The Gospel and the Discipline of Bible Intake

Have you considered the significance of the daily saturation in Scripture for developing a more gospel-centered, Christ-focused life?

### **Preach the Gospel to Yourself Every Day**

Martin Luther encouraged Christians: "preach the gospel to yourself every day." So there are times in every day when we need the reminder that what we are doing, saying, or thinking is sinful and needs to be taken by repentance to the cross of Jesus for forgiveness.

Reading the Bible was never intended to be the primary means of absorbing the Bible. Reading is the exposure to Scripture — and that's the starting place. Meditation is the absorption of Scripture. And it is this that leads to the experiences with God and the changes in our lives we seek when we come to the Bible.

Most Christians read the Bible. Few meditate on it. As a result, so many sense little spiritual impact from the time they invest in Scripture intake. So the main reason more Christians don't find their daily time in the Scriptures more profitable has little to do with the strength of their memory, the level of their education, or their IQ. Rather, the problem is very simple: a lack of meditation on Scripture.

If you spend just 60 seconds meditating on a verse of Scripture, do you realize that may be ten to twenty times as long as you would normally consider that verse? Reserve at least a minute in your Bible reading time today, choose a verse and ask: How does this relate to the gospel and to Jesus? What would the application of this verse look like in my life? Why did the Holy Spirit include this passage in the book? What is He intending to communicate through this text?

# PASTOR'S PEN



*"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy. I am happy because you have joined me in spreading the good news. You have done so from the first day until now." Philippians 1:3-5*

Time has really flown this past year! It was just about a year ago that I came to Highlands Church with my wife Betsy, my daughter Caroline, and my son Bobby. A year later, Caroline is still running us all over the place. Bobby is up and going as fast as his sister and we have settled in to our second, and permanent, house in Bella Vista. I've come back closer to my birthplace, Fort Smith, but I have a whole new family now that I never knew I'd be a part. My friends at Highlands Church, you are that family!

People have asked me on several different occasions if it was hard to be away from all of our family and start life in a new community. The answer is yes, it has been hard. We are very family focused people so we miss our families, but do get to see them more. However, the wonderful thing about being at Highlands Church is that you all are so welcoming and loving that just because we might not have our biological family in the same town, we have a lot of our family in Christ living all over this town.

Betsy and I are very serious when we call you family. So many people from the church have been there to support us during what was at times, a difficult year. Think about it, this past year we packed our things, and moved across the state without knowing anyone up here. We brought a 2 year old and a 6 month old with us, and lost a parent. It's been a big year. However, in the midst of all of the struggles and life, the people of Highlands Church have been right there with us. Supporting us. Comforting us. Guiding us. Coaching us. And taking care of us.

We love being in Bella Vista and are excited about the time to come to be in ministry with our church family. Thank you so much, from the bottom of our hearts.

Blessings,

Robert, Betsy, Caroline, and Bobby

## New Members



Jeff & Kim Hale became members in the Traditional Service on 5/5. Jeff and Kim moved to Bella Vista from Olive Branch, Mississippi, a

suburb of Memphis, TN. They grew up in a suburb of Chicago and have lived in Texas, Louisiana, and New Mexico. Jeff retired from Hobby Lobby as a store manager and Kim retired from the school district teaching elementary general music. Jeff, an alumni of the University of Houston is a huge fan of their sports program. He also loved playing golf, is an avid reader and enjoys supporting his childhood team the Chicago Bears. Kim is learning to paint watercolor, enjoys sewing, playing with their 2 rescue dogs, and travel. Jeff and Kim have two children and no grandchildren as of yet.



Robin Woodward became a member in the Celebration Service on 5/25. Robin moved here in 2013 from Texas. She is retired from the Department of Justice. She enjoys Bible studies and crafting with paper and fabric. Robin and her husband have 3 children.



## CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2019

Dominick Ramirez, Yesenia Ramirez, and Chloe Jordan became members in the Traditional Service on 4/28.

## Our Condolences

To Mr. John Hansen and family on the passing of his wife Norene.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

## New Contact Information

Jack & JoAnn Skillet  
314 NE Black Apple Ln  
Bentonville, AR 72712

## Prayer Chain & Member Care

If you know someone in need of prayer, ill or hospitalized, please contact the church office and let Lori or Amey know. Please do not assume Robert or the Compassionate Disciples already know.

## SERVING US IN JUNE

### Saturday Host/Hostesses

6/1 Jan Lasher  
6/8 Stephanie Bowen  
6/15 Bill & Claudia Williams  
6/22 Mark & Ruth Richardson  
6/29 Ted & Julie Lasher

### Sunday Guest Table

6/2 Mel Snyder  
6/9 Mel Snyder  
6/16 Mel Snyder  
6/23 Mel Snyder  
6/30 Mel Snyder

### Liturgists

6/2 Nat Collis  
6/9 Dave Hagaman  
6/16 Joyce Sheldon  
6/23 Donna VanderSchaaf  
6/30 Kim Hale

### CPR/AED

6/2 Pat Lehman  
6/9 Earl Lehman  
6/16 Sue LaHood  
6/23 Angie Hanson  
6/30 Mel Snyder

**Safety & Security:** Bev Puckett

**Usher Captain:** Steve & Sandy Larsen

**Trustee for the Month:** Lynn Stone



## THANK YOU

Dear Highlands,

We would like to thank everyone for their cards and prayers for the untimely death of our grandson, Treavor. Having a loving church family means so much in a time of grief.

Pete & May Doyle

Dear Highlands Friends,

Thank you so very much for all the cards, calls, emails and most importantly your precious prayers for healing. I've felt the covering of those prayers everyday. I'm finally home and beginning the second leg of this journey. Bob and I are so blessed to be a part of such a caring church family. Thank you. Blessings on each one of you.

Bob and Jackie Warren

Dear Highlands Church Family,

Thank you for the prayers, cards, love and support during my husband's illness and death. You are a blessing in my life.

Blessings, Sara Sherman

Dear Highlands,

This is a very grateful thanks for all the love, prayers, and words of comfort I have received this past two and a half months. I miss this church family and wish you many blessings.

Lovingly,  
Caryl Feck

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

### Dessert for a Year

Chris Pulhamus, and husband Mike, will enjoy a monthly Dessert-for-a-Year starting with a rich German Chocolate Cake, lovingly prepared by Glenna Pickens. Congratulations Chris. We sincerely thank each of you for helping raise a total of \$995 to support women and children charities this year. Simply amazing! A big warm hug to all our Dessert Divas sharing their specialties with Chris and Mike. This month, Barbara Gray plans to whip up a Luscious Pineapple Coconut Cake. Sounds heavenly.

### Muffins for Mission

The United Methodist Women will be baking muffins for you to enjoy at church on Saturday evening/Sunday morning, June 29-30. Your donations to Muffins for Mission will support the Samaritan's Feet Back-to-School Shoe Event (to take place on July 27 in Gravette). We encourage you to wear your Samaritan's Feet T-Shirts to church June 29-30 as we share the mission of Samaritan's Feet - to be the hands and feet of Jesus in a world with zero shoeless children. For more information call Lori at 479-621-7616.



**REMINDER!**  
**There is an ongoing  
need for food and  
donations for The  
Little Free Pantry!**

  
The Little Free Pantry  
at Highlands Church

## FINANCES- THE NEXT STEP

After five months of membership giving, the following shows a review of how money comes to the church monthly. Note the irregularity of the amount. This does not include non-member giving or other income, this is member giving only.

January \$34,501, February \$51,129, March \$38,537, April \$32,693, May \$46,364

This represents 151 giving units of which only 20% are given by ACH transfer from their bank or other financial institution. 20% of 151 equals 31 giving units at Highlands Church using automatic payments.

ACH payments take the guesswork out of what we will receive monthly to obtain an even flow of money to meet our obligations. When the cash flow is interrupted, reserve money needs to be moved to meet payment of obligations.

If you would please consider ACH transfer from your bank to Highlands Church, please call Dru Matthews, Treasurer or Donna Hagaman, Financial Secretary. You will need to give them an account number- 'Transaction Completed.' Or you may complete a form in the church office anytime.

Using this ACH method helps our cash flow tremendously. When you are out of town your contribution still moves forward. Another advantage is it eliminates writing checks or having the right amount of cash on hand. Should you need to make a change in your contribution, just call Dru or Donna and they will handle your request.

Again, I thank you for your support to your church and, if possible, please consider this request and please continue to pray for Highlands Church and all its members as we move forward in making disciples for Jesus Christ in this community.

Andy O'Neil

Chair, Finance Team

HIGHLANDS

The logo for Highlands Kids Nursery features the word "kids" in a large, blue, lowercase font. A small yellow crown is positioned above the letter "i".

**Nursery**

The nursery is available every Sunday morning during our 9:30 & 11:15 services for birth through 3 years old.

## Children's Church

All children, ages 4 through 6th grade, are invited to Children's Church on Sunday mornings during the 9:30 and 11:15 service. Children will worship with their parents until Sarah Catherine takes them back for fun, fellowship and learning more about Christ and His love for them.



## Youth Group

Equipping 7th—12th grade students to grow together on their journey to know, love, and serve Jesus Christ. Sundays 5:00—6:30 pm. For more information, contact Sarah Catherine Davis at (501) 733-3666.

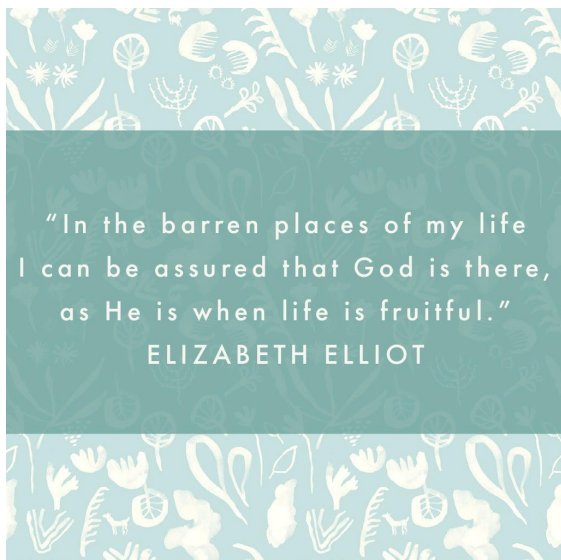
## SNACK PACKS

Did you know 1 out of every 5 children in Northwest Arkansas face hunger or food insecurity? Hunger affects 26,000 children in our four-county community! Samaritan Community Center is in its 15<sup>th</sup> year of operation. Their SnackPacks for kids program provides weekend nutritional support to 6,000 children in 166 schools. Since 2004 Samaritan has delivered 2.1 million snackpacks at a cost of over \$5.5 million.

I would like to thank our church volunteers for packing ALL of the snackpacks for the Gravette School system, for the 2018/2019 school year. I also want to show appreciation for all the support for the car show, power of one and the cookie walk. The money we received from these were used to pay for all of the food for the snackpacks sent to the Gravette schools this school year.

Thanks Church!

Steve Terry  
Outreach/Missions



## 8:15 ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us on Sunday mornings at 8:15 in the Mark classroom. We will start a study of Isaiah on June 2. Jesus and the New Testament writers frequently quoted Isaiah so we decided to do a 13 week study of it. This is a learning and discussion class. All are welcome at any time. Questions, contact Donna VanderSchaaf at 479-715-6059 or see her at the Sunday Traditional service. Questions, please contact Gary Marshall at 479-553-7950.

## 9:30 ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the Mark classroom. We are using the Standard Lessons Commentary. Each lesson will use scripture with verse by verse explanation of the text with detailed background followed by group discussion. Everyone is welcome.

## FELLOWSHIP, FUN, FOOD

Please bring your lawn chairs and join us on Sunday, June 23 at 4:00 pm for a church picnic. There will be hotdogs, chips, salad, dessert, and drinks for lunch. Sign up sheets will be available on the Information Station starting June 1.

## MAY 2019 CARE GROUP

### ACTIVITIES

#### CARE GROUP

CARE GROUP	ACTIVITY
Hagaman	Lakepoint
Pinkerton/Ramsey	Denim & Diamonds
Stone	Rhythm & Q
Foster/Leonard/Jackson	Denim & Diamonds
Collis	Denim & Diamonds
Henkel	BBQ at the Crain's
Miller	Gusano's
Lasher/Richardson	Wooden Spoon
O'Neil/Marshall	Brunch-O'Neil's
Balzer/Marsh	Cookout- Schisler's

# June 2019 Calendar

## Recurring Events

### Sundays

- 8:15 am Adult Sunday School
- 9:30 am Traditional Worship
- 9:30 am Adult Sunday School
- 9:30 am Children's Sunday School
- 11:15 am The Gathering Worship
- 11:15 am Children's Sunday School
- 12:15 pm Gathering Rehearsal
- 5:00 pm Student Ministry (7-12 grade)
- 7:00 pm AA Meeting

### Mondays

- 3:00 pm Women's Emmaus (2nd & 4th Mondays)
- 5:00 pm Men's Emmaus

### Tuesdays

- 7:45 am Hummers Meeting (1st Tuesday)
- 1:00 pm Growth Group— McCauley
- 3:00 pm Yoga

### Wednesdays

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting (2nd & 4th Wednesdays)
- 1:00 pm Stitches (2nd & 4th Wednesdays)
- 2:00 pm Fellowship Committee (1st Wednesday)

### Thursdays

- 9:00 am Kitchen Cleanup (4th Thursday)
- 1:00 pm GriefShare
- 3:00 pm Library Meeting (3rd Thursday)
- 3:15 pm Sat Celeb Rehearsal (1:30 pm on 3rd Thursday)
- 4:00 pm Care Group Leaders Meeting (3rd Thursday)

### Fridays

- 7:00 am Men's Emmaus
- 9:30 am Membership Meeting (3rd Friday)
- 10:30 am Compassionate Disciples (1st Friday)

### Saturdays

- 1:00 pm Scrapbooking & Card Making (4th Saturday)
- 3:00 pm Sat Celebration Rehearsal
- 5:30 pm Saturday Celebration

## Other Events and Meetings:

June 10-14, 2019 (Monday—Friday)

- 9:00 am—12:00 pm Vacation Bible School

June 14, 2019 (Friday)

- 3:15 pm Sat Celeb Rehearsal

June 18, 2019 (Tuesday)

- 6:00 pm Admin Council Meeting

June 20 & 27, 2019 (Thursday)

- 10:00 am Beth Moore Bible Study

June 23, 2019 (Sunday)

- 4:00 pm Fellowship Picnic Event

June 26, 2019 (Wednesday)

- 6:30 pm Summer Family Choir





# HIGHLANDS CHURCH

A United Methodist Congregation

CELEBRATION SERVICE  
SATURDAYS 5:30 PM

TRADITIONAL SERVICE  
SUNDAYS 9:30 AM

THE GATHERING  
SUNDAYS 11:15 AM

## Church Staff

REV. ROBERT CLONINGER  
*Senior Pastor*

LORI HEALD  
*Office Administrator*

AMEY BURKETT  
*Administrative Assistant*

DRU MATTHEWS  
*Bookkeeper*

SARAH CATHERINE DAVIS  
*Children & Youth Ministries Coordinator*

JOHN MATTHEWS  
*Director of Music Ministries*

JAMES HENDRIX  
*Contemporary Worship Leader*

PAM MEYER  
*Celebration Worship Leader*

JEANNINE WAGAR  
*Organist*

JOYCE SHELDON  
*Chimes & Bells Director*

ELLEN GIBSON  
*Nursery Worker*

## Giving Your Tithes & Offerings

You can give your tithes & offerings online by visiting our website, [www.humcbv.com](http://www.humcbv.com). Online giving is a safe and easy way to give to Highlands. Contact the church office if you have questions regarding online giving.

Deadline for the July Newsletter is June 20 at noon. Please email items to **Sarah Catherine Davis** at our new email [highlandschurchnews@gmail.com](mailto:highlandschurchnews@gmail.com) or place in the Newsletter mailbox in the hallway next to the church office.

**If you have any comments or questions about the newsletter, please email or call Sarah Catherine Davis directly.**

The Mission of Highlands Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ.



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