

Highlands News

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BIBLE STUDY - THE REASON FOR GOD

Join Pastor Robert as he leads a new 6-week Bible Study called 'The Reason For God' based on a book by Tim Keller. No book purchase required to attend. The study will address the frequent doubts that skeptics, and even ardent believers, have about religion. Using DVD's, philosophy, real-life conversations, and potent reasoning, the study explains how the belief in a Christian God is, in fact, a sound and rational one. It's sure to be thought provoking and exciting!

There are 2 classes available; Wednesdays from 10:00-11:00 am and Thursdays from 2:00-3:00 pm. The first week of class will begin November 3 & 4 in the John classroom. No classes will be held the week of Thanksgiving, Nov 24 & 25. Choose the day of the week you'd like to attend, and see the Weekly Update email to sign up online or call the church office to enroll.

6-WEEK BIBLE STUDY *BEGINS*

Wednesday, November 3
10 - 11 am

Thursday, November 4
2 - 3 pm

THE
REASON
FOR
GOD

Pastor's Pen by Rev. Robert Cloninger

Confession: for most of my life, I have always tried to rush through Thanksgiving. It isn't a federal crime or something as vile as sticking used gum under tables, but it's not a good thing. My belief is that most people can relate to the rush. It's really all because when you are in school, Thanksgiving feels like the marker that says you are almost to break. However, at some point I realized that Thanksgiving really is great on its own because of the loved ones you get to spend time with. I think back to all of those people I was with and the times we had that I mentally rushed through. Of course, I regret rushing through. I still have great memories, but being in the moment would have served me better.

The Holidays teach us a valuable lesson because I think many of us are more resilient during the Holiday season. To specify: I didn't slow down for a lot of the family events, but I sure slowed down for the disasters. The times that the turkey came out raw. The other times someone caught something on fire. I'd say most of us have those stories. One of my favorite memories is eating sub sandwiches in a truck stop on the way home from Thanksgiving Dinner at someone else's house because thanksgiving dinner got down to about 2-3 dishes due to fire and recipe negligence. I always enjoy when someone has one of those stories to share with me.

For some reason, from Thanksgiving until New Years Day, when things go wrong, catch on fire, blow up, or there is a fight with a family member, it just seems so much easier to laugh things off. My theory is that it's because we have the picture of perfection in mind and when everything falls so short, the contrast becomes too hilarious not to laugh.

I think Jesus laughed a lot. We see a few recorded responses, but Jesus had the perfect ability to know when to scold, teach, show compassion, and squat down in the face of lunatics and draw in the sand. A man who would stand up to people by drawing in the sand, tells me he knew at which point to laugh the utter ridiculousness of some people and events off. And remember, instead of expressing dread and worry all throughout the last supper, he celebrated that meal with those he loved and said he looked forward to having the meal with them. For this upcoming holiday season, let's take some lessons from Jesus: enjoy the time, and when/if things and people present issues, laugh it off.



Pastor Robert's office hours are:

TUESDAY - THURSDAY
9AM - NOON ... AVAILABLE IN OFFICE
1PM - 4PM ... AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT

FRIDAY
9AM - NOON ... AVAILABLE IN OFFICE

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NEW SERMON VIDEOS POSTED WEEKLY

GriefShare Session Begins

GriefShare is a grief recovery support group where you can find help and healing for the hurt of losing a loved one. Our next 13 week session begins on Monday, November 15 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm in the John classroom. No class will be held on December 27. Our congregants will receive a free workbook if they choose to attend; others can purchase a workbook for \$15. For more information, contact Quintin Brakebill at 909-454-5828. See the Weekly Update email to sign up online or contact the church office at 479-855-2277.

GRIEF SHARE[®] at Highlands Church

Mondays 2:00 - 4:00 pm

13 weeks beginning November 15

Highlands Columbarium and Memorial Garden: Located on church grounds, our Columbarium and Memorial Garden is available for current and former members of Highlands Church and their immediate families. You are welcome to visit this peaceful area, located on the south side of our Ministries Activity Center. Brochures are available on the Information Wall located just outside the office. If you would like more information, please contact the church office and we will put you in touch with a Columbarium Committee member.

Care & Share Volunteers

Volunteers from Highlands Church are needed to work at the Gravette Care & Share Thrift Store the week of November 16-20 from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm. Sign up online or contact the church office if you need assistance. If you prefer, you may contact our coordinator, Connie Kiefer, directly at 876-6324. To sign up online, see the Weekly Update email or visit our website, humcbv.com, where you'll find a link on our home page.

Care & Share Thrift Store
Volunteers Needed
November 16-20



BELL RINGING!

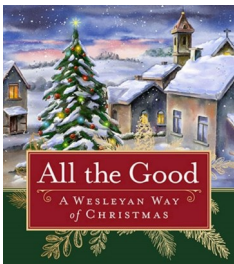
Join us again this year, to ring the bell for The Salvation Army here in Bella Vista at Allen's Food Market. Our scheduled times are from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm on December 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, and 18. Families, care groups, friends, and/or youth may sign up to share the one-hour shift. Please watch for online signup information coming soon. For more information, contact our Salvation Army bells coordinator, Donna VanderSchaaf, or the church office.



ANGEL TREE PROGRAM

The distribution of the Angels for the ANGEL TREE will begin via online signups on Wednesday, December 1. Bright Future Gravette is providing us 5 families to help this year. For more information, contact our Angel Tree coordinator, Patsy Whiting at (505) 401-0448.

ADVENT STUDY



We are launching a new Advent Study on Sunday, November 28 in an 8:15 am Adult Sunday School class. The study will be based on a book called 'All the Good—A Wesleyan Way of Christmas'. The

class will be led by Wade Stewart and will be held in the Mark classroom. Join us as we take a journey through Advent guided by the practices in John Wesley's means of grace. Book cost will be \$13 and payable at the first class. See the Weekly Update email to sign up online or contact the church office to enroll.

The 9:30 Adult Sunday School class will be using the same book study, but starting earlier in November. No signups are required if you already attend this class.

Questions about either class or the study can be directed to Gary Marshall at 479-553-7950 or Wade Stewart at 618-789-3249.

VETERANS DAY PICTURE WALL

The Veterans Picture Wall will be available to view in the Gathering Area beginning Thursday, November 4, through Veterans Day, November 11. Make plans to join us on November 6 & 7, the weekend before Veterans Day; we will be serving cake and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall after Worship Services to honor our Vets. Happy Veterans Day!

ALL SAINTS DAY 2021

At each service of worship on All Saints Weekend, October 30 & 31, we will remember the many loved ones lost since last year's All Saints Day. In our worship services, as each name is read, a chime will sound and a candle will be lit. We will miss the dear loved ones of our Highlands Family:

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| Bob McClure | Doreen Williams |
| Sandy Sewell | Rene Pardue |
| Don Partridge | Paul Davis |
| Bud Davis | Charles W Smith |
| Donna Keehn | Beverly Wilson |
| Connie Hayford | Art Schlosser |
| Maxine Bushee | Frank Gorishek |
| Charles VanMeter | |

STEWARDSHIP WEEKEND!

You should receive your Stewardship Packet by US mail the first week of November. We hope you will take time to read the material and complete your commitment card and service record for 2022. Please plan to bring your completed information to worship the weekend of November 13/14 or November 20/21. The commitments will be dedicated to God as a part of worship. Let us thank God for our wonderful church and we look forward to an awesome 2022 when we continue to be 'Focused On What Matters'.



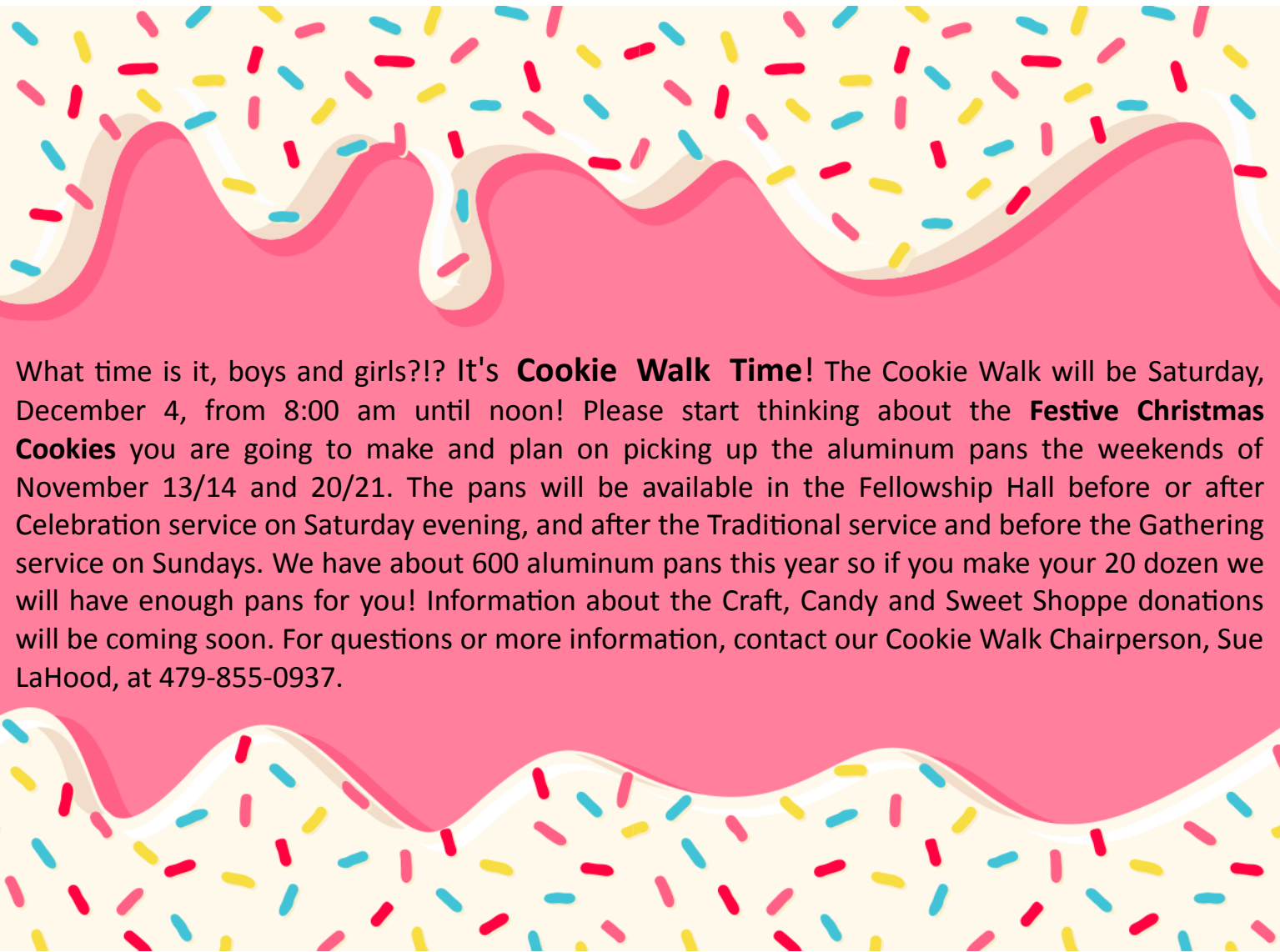
DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP!



Joint Meeting Breakfast & Program

NOVEMBER 9 • 8:30 AM • FELLOWSHIP HALL

The Hummers and the Highland United Methodist Women (HUMW) will have a joint meeting on Tuesday, November 9 at 8:30 am. The Hummers will be cooking our breakfast! Our guest speaker will be Bella Vista's Mayor, Peter Christie, who will be accompanied by his wife. ALL men and women of Highlands Church are welcome, members and visitors alike! Please sign up at the Information Station in the Gathering Area by Sunday, November 7, so we know how many to cook for. This will be an informative and fun meeting. Hope to see you there!



What time is it, boys and girls?!? It's **Cookie Walk Time!** The Cookie Walk will be Saturday, December 4, from 8:00 am until noon! Please start thinking about the **Festive Christmas Cookies** you are going to make and plan on picking up the aluminum pans the weekends of November 13/14 and 20/21. The pans will be available in the Fellowship Hall before or after Celebration service on Saturday evening, and after the Traditional service and before the Gathering service on Sundays. We have about 600 aluminum pans this year so if you make your 20 dozen we will have enough pans for you! Information about the Craft, Candy and Sweet Shoppe donations will be coming soon. For questions or more information, contact our Cookie Walk Chairperson, Sue LaHood, at 479-855-0937.

Office News

Amey & Lori: highlandschurch@humcbv.com
Newsletter: newsletter@humcbv.com

OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday, 8:30am - 4:00pm.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS & DEADLINES: In observation of the Thanksgiving holiday, the church office will close at noon on Wed, November 24 and will close all day on Thurs and Fri, November 25 & 26. The advertising deadline for bulletins and email that weekend will be Monday, November 22.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: The Deadline for the December Highlands Newsletter is 12:00 (noon) on November 15 (early). Please send all newsletter submissions, comments and/or questions to this email address: newletter@humcbv.com.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS: Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 7 at 2:00 am. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour when you go to bed Saturday night!

WATCH FACEBOOK LIVE WITHOUT ACCOUNT: We have had a few questions about how to watch our Facebook Live videos IF you do not have a Facebook account. The answer is to visit our Facebook page. At the top of our page, you will see where it says to login or create an account but ignore that if you do not want to have an account. From there, scroll down the page until you find the latest video you're wanting to watch. You can press play and do not need an account to view.

Our Facebook page is www.facebook.com/humcbv or you can visit our website, humcbv.com, and click on the Sermons tab at the top of the page. There, you will find a Facebook Live graphic with a link for easy access. Please contact the church office if you need help or have any other questions.

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LIVE Streaming
The Gathering Service
Sundays at 11:15 am

Family News

NEW CONTACT INFORMATION:

Joey Potter
2409 Evelyn Road, Whitesboro, TX 76273
903-357-2342

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:

Family and Friends of Charles VanMeter who passed away on 10/11/21.

NEW MEMBERS:



Dave & Sue Benson became members on October 10. They usually attend the Traditional Service. The Bensons moved to Bella Vista in 2020 from Hutchinson, KS. Sue is a retired Production Manager with the Lowen Corporation. Dave is a retired District Manager from the restaurant industry. Some of their hobbies include crafting, decorating and volunteering. They have 2 grown children and 4 grandchildren (ages 17, 13, 12 & 9).



Roger & Charis Geisinger became members on October 24 in the Traditional Service. Roger & Charis moved to Bella Vista in 2001 from Washington, DC. They are both retired. Roger was a Foreign Service Officer with the U.S. Department of State and Charis was an Administrative Assistant and piano teacher. Roger served in the military from 1968-1972 in the Army Security Agency. Charis enjoys line dancing and playing the mountain dulcimer. Roger's hobbies include singing, traveling and being a courtesy van volunteer. An interesting fact about their family is they have lived in 6 foreign countries! They have 2 grown children and 3 grandchildren.

November 2021

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 | 2– Yoga Meets on Tuesdays Mexican Train | 3– ‘The Reason for God’ Study begins Fellowship Comm. | 4– Compassionate Disciples Meeting | 5– Samba Plays on Fridays | 6– Communion Weekend HUMC Anniversary |
| 7– Communion Weekend | 8– American Legion | 9– HUMW & HUMMERS Meet | 10 | 11– Trustees Meeting | 12– Marathon Bridge Plays | 13– Stewardship Weekend |
| 14– Stewardship Weekend | 15– GriefShare Begins | 16– Admin Council Meeting | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23– Care Group Leaders Meeting Library Meets | 24– Office Closed 1/2 day (holiday) | 25– Office Closed (holiday) Thanksgiving Day! | 26– Office Closed (holiday) | 27– Scrapbooking & Card Making |
| 28– 8:15 Advent Study Begins 1st Day of Advent | 29 | 30 | | | | |



Our Little Free Pantry is located in the rear parking lot of Highlands Church.

Take what you need, leave what you can.

Please continue to support this ministry and help fill the Little Free Pantry with non-perishable food items and toiletry donations. We are no longer accepting donations into the church building. Please take all donations directly to the pantry and organize by groups if possible. If you have any questions, contact the church office.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

SATURDAY CELEBRATION - 5:30 PM
SUNDAY TRADITIONAL - 9:30 AM
SUNDAY GATHERING - 11:15 AM



YOUR

HIGHLANDS CHURCH A UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION

Church Staff

REV. ROBERT CLONINGER
Senior Pastor

LORI HEALD
Office Administrator

AMEY BURKETT
Administrative Assistant

DRU MATTHEWS
Bookkeeper /Treasurer

JOHN MATTHEWS
Director of Music Ministries

PAM MEYER
Celebration Worship Leader

JEANNINE WAGAR
Organist

JOYCE SHELDON
Chimes & Bells Director

LAURIE PEARSON
Nursery Worker

Operating Budget Report - September 30, 2021

| | YTD Budget | Sept Actual | YTD Actual |
|----------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Income | 402,158 | 38,277 | 366,232 |
| Expenses | 402,158 | 38,289 | 370,794 |
| Net | 0 | (12) | (4562) |

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