

Highlands News

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Back to School Celebration & Blessing of the Backpacks

A Back to School Celebration & Blessing of the Backpacks will be held during the Traditional Worship Service on Sunday, August 11 at 10:00 am. All area students and education staff are invited to bring their backpacks, briefcases, tote bags, etc. for a special blessing to begin the new school year.

Then, let's celebrate with children and students after church (11:00 am) with sack lunches, ice cream sundaes, games/prizes, and fun in the Fellowship Hall. Pick up a flyer at the Information Station and invite your friends and family!

To help us better prepare for lunch, please sign up in the Gathering Area or call the church office to RSVP. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend, even if you don't have school-aged children.

Questions? Contact Fran Lovell at 571-255-0701 or Wanda Krug at 719-213-1115.



Pastor's Pen by Rev. Robert Cloninger

I recognize that I'm speaking from a different place, a different age, and with varying life experiences. We all speak from different places, which is how we learn from each other. But as I approach another birthday, I really feel the weight of what I was told for so long, that you truly get out of life what you put in. And speaking from personal experience, that's one of the most brutally honest things I've ever heard and yet one of the most profoundly helpful. For example, let's use the Christian Walk; I feel driest in my faith when I haven't put in the day-to-day as I should. People think their day-to-day faith life is routine until they experience a spiritual emptiness and realize they've made no deposits into their faith account. A similar thing I think about is advice from a mentor who told me that negativity is a plague; it starts with minor cases and wipes out entire villages. The time we put into friends and family in a genuinely giving way, not in expectation, but are we routinely giving of ourselves to friends and family.



Faith, family, friends, and attitude. These seem small, but they make up most of our lives. Suppose we need to work towards making them all better. In that case, we will find ourselves unhappy and become the type of person others don't want to be around. We may even find that we don't want to be around ourselves when we've neglected good work in these areas. Take an honest assessment: are you the type of Christian you want to be? Can people tell that Jesus is your Lord and Savior? Are you negative and grumpy, unpleasant over everything? Have you invested in your friends and family?

However, we need hope if we fall short in these areas. We must be honest where we need to be and ask God for help. It might sound overly simplistic, but confessing problems in our faith, attitudes, and relationships can massively unburden the soul. And after the confession, a request for the Lord's help to fix our weak areas will change everything. The issue is not that the troubles in our lives are unfixable; we are often unwilling to acknowledge our problems and even more unwilling to ask for help.

I understand that I've only laid out a few areas, and those areas may be places of problem for you. Or you may have other areas where you need help. Either way, remember that the answer is Jesus; He's always there and can help us overcome it if we ask. Whatever you find yourself in, remember to make every day count because Jesus created and purchased those days; respecting that starts the change immediately.

Robert

Pastor Robert's office hours are:

MONDAY - THURSDAY

9AM—NOON ... AVAILABLE IN OFFICE

1PM—4PM ... AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT

Charity Car Show & Cruise-In

The Highlands GMC Church 7th Annual Charity Car Show will be taking place this year on Saturday, Sept. 28.

Because of the continued physical, monetary and moral support of this Highlands Church congregation over the past six years, along with contributions from corporate, retail and individual sponsors, this event has raised over **\$90,000** for the three charities it supports.

Samaritan's Feet - shares a message of hope and love through washing the feet of children and providing a free new pair of socks and shoes for back-to-school for nearly 200 Gravette students each year.

Snack Packs for Kids - furnishes food packs for around 135 food insecure Gravette students to take home each Friday during the school year.

Bright Futures - helps meet the needs of Gravette students by helping families with emergency expenses, school supplies, clothing, emergency dental and medication expense and many other basic needs.

We will have volunteer sign-up sheets & online sign-up available mid-August and expect to have car show T-shirts available for order about that same time. Car Show lunch tickets will also be sent out to the congregation about mid-August and more information will be provided on those closer to that date.

Last year we had 170+ vehicles - cars, trucks, motorcycles, hot rods, even a couple of classic boats and we would love to duplicate that again this year. If you know of anyone with an interesting vehicle, or just see one somewhere, please let them know about the show and ask them to consider participating (show flyers are available at the Information Station).

Admission is free and the show runs from 10am – 2pm with lunch from 10:30am – 1:30pm. Bella Vista Strings will be providing live music again this year, and if you missed them last year, you really missed a good time; they are great!

If you have any questions about the show, volunteering, showing a car, etc. please contact Greg Snyder or Amey / Lori in the office.

Thank you!



**Highlands Church
Charity Car Show & Cruise-In**

September 28 | 10 am - 2 pm

check this out

hgmcbv.com

Volunteer opportunities coming soon!
Tickets will be mailed to the congregation mid-August.



HIGHLANDS METHODIST WOMEN

The entire program and organization of Highlands Methodist Women (HMW) focuses on local children's and women's charities. They have a continental breakfast meeting one time per month, on the second Monday of the month (except June, July & August). The HMW offers regular outings and events; including a monthly book club. All women of Highlands Church and their guests are welcome. Mark your calendar for our next meeting on Monday, September 9. Questions? Contact Jean Galloway at 913-669-5310.



HIGHLANDS METHODIST MEN

The Highlands Methodist Men (HMM) are purposed to be a Christian brotherhood serving our church and community. The HMM serve and support over a dozen charities and organizations annually, both locally and nationally, with a physical and/or financial presence. The HMM meets once per month, on the first Tuesday (except June, July & August), for a breakfast meeting that includes a devotional message, an informative guest speaker, and a planning/business session. Mark your calendar for our next meeting on Tuesday, September 3. Questions? Contact D.D. Dunagin at 479-287-1344.

8:45 Adult Sunday School

Start off your week by joining us in the Matthew classroom at 8:45 am Sunday mornings as we study the book of Daniel. Study led by Brad Krug. Questions? Call Brad at 719-210-6124.

Men's Bible Study

All men are invited to participate as we study the New Testament together. Bring your Bible and join us in the Matthew classroom 4:00-5:00 pm on Monday nights or 5:00-6:00 pm on Tuesday nights. Contact Pastor Robert with any questions.

Columbarium & 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 (spouse and children). 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 at 479-855-2277 so we can put you in touch with a member of the Columbarium Committee.



Children's Worship Center

Children are welcome to visit our Nursery (0-4 years) and Kids Worship (5-11 years) on Sunday mornings. For more information, contact Laurie Pearson at 479-256-4452 (Nursery), Fran Lovell at 571-255-0701 or Wanda Krug at 719-213-1115 (Kids Worship). Come join the fun!

HIGHLANDS CHURCH

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP CENTER

SUNDAYS DURING THE TRADITIONAL SERVICE



Flex 'N Stretch - 10 Week Session

Flex 'N Stretch is a wellness program of activities which provides a higher quality of life thru responsible movement that is pain free and possible for all participants. Our Mission is to challenge, encourage and promote better health through physical exercise.

This well-organized exercise program teaches all participants how to do the exercises easily and safely, including seniors. Benefits include increased range of motion, coordination, strength, balance and agility, all of which improve the quality of life and lead to longer independent living.

The next 10 week session starts Monday, September 2 (Labor Day). We will meet Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 8:00 am - 9:00 am, in the Peter classroom. The 10 week session will end on Friday, November 8.

You can attend 1 lesson, all 30 lessons, or even somewhere in-between... Whatever works for you!

\$45.00- 30 Sessions

\$30.00- 15 Sessions

Come, join the fun and experience the benefits! Newcomers are welcome to stop by and give it a trial run. No signups required. Pick up a flyer at the Information Station and invite a friend. Contact Donna Williams at 479-659-2658 for details.

EXERCISE PROGRAM



**Highlands Church
Bella Vista, AR**

Office News

Amey & Lori: office@hgmcbv.com
Newsletter: newsletter@hgmcbv.com

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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: The Deadline for the September Highlands Newsletter is 12:00 (noon) on August 20. Send all newsletter submissions, comments and/or questions to this email address: newsletter@hgmcbv.com

New Email Addresses

D.D. Dunagin: ddmck1216@yahoo.com

Lee & Alice Balzer: alleebalzer@yahoo.com



ACE = All Church Event

Mark your calendar and join us on Sunday, August 25 at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall for a wild, crazy, and extravagant All Church Event! We are having a "P" Party Potluck! Wear anything or everything beginning with the letter "P" (plaid, pink, purple, paisley, pajamas, etc) and plan to have a good time. Bring any food item/s beginning with the letter "P" (pork, potatoes, peas, pie, etc). Signups will begin mid-August in the Gathering Area! Questions? Contact Henkels at 479-876-6121 or Stones at 479-876-2260.



GriefShare is a grief recovery support group where you can find help and healing for the hurt of losing a loved one. The next 13 week session begins on Thursday, August 1, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm in the Luke classroom. Workbooks are \$15 and payable to Highlands Church at the first session. Our GriefShare Leader will be Nancy Noyes. If you would like to attend, call the church office to RSVP or see the Weekly Update email to signup online. Class size is limited.

Traditional Worship

Sundays at 10 am

LIVE Streaming

ON facebook



August 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1- GriefShare Begins	2	3- Communion - Burris Wilson Committal Svc.
4- Communion	5	6	7- Fellowship Committee Mtg	8	9	10
11- Back to School Celebration & Blessing of the Backpacks	12	13- Compassionate Disciples Meeting	14	15- Library Meeting	16	17
18	19	20	21- Kitchen Cleaning	22	23	24- Council Planning Retreat - Scrapbooking & Card Making
25- All Church Event	26	27	28	29	30	31



Highlands Church FOOD DRIVE

PLACE YOUR DONATED ITEMS IN THE BINS LOCATED AT ALL ENTRANCES TO THE CHURCH FOR DELIVERY TO THE

Gravette School Food Bank

This project is co-sponsored by the Celebration Worship Team & HUMW.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

SATURDAY CELEBRATION - 5:30 PM

SUNDAY TRADITIONAL - 10:00 AM



HIGHLANDS CHURCH

A Global Methodist Congregation

Church Staff

REV. ROBERT CLONINGER
Senior Pastor

LORI HEALD
Office Administrator

AMEY BURKETT
Administrative Assistant

DRU MATTHEWS
Bookkeeper /Treasurer

JOHN MATTHEWS
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Celebration Worship Leader

JEANNINE WAGAR
Organist

JOYCE SHELDON
Chimes & Bells Director

LAURIE PEARSON
Nursery Staff

MONICA CLARK
Custodian

Operating Budget Report - June 30, 2024

	YTD Budget	June Actual	YTD Actual
Income	252,480	32,996	220,214
Expenses	252,480	36,210	231,473
Net	0	(3,214)	(11,259)

Thank you for your continued support.

3 ways to give

to Highlands Church



Online



In-Person



By Mail

for details visit... hgmcbv.com/give

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