

Highlands News

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Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat is happening soon! Grab your costumes, candy, and decorations and make plans to join us on Thursday, October 31, from 5:00-6:30 pm in the front parking lot.

How can you help?

- Host a trunk! We are hoping to have several trunks in our front parking lot to entice our community to stop by for a treat. Your trunk doesn't have to be elaborate - just fun and have candy! If you host a trunk, please bring your own candy/treats. We will have extra but we don't want to run out. There will be a signup sheet at the Information Station in the Gathering Area for participants.
- Grab an extra bag of candy next time you are out shopping. We will collect candy in a bin outside the Children's Worship Center.
- Pick up an event flyer at the Information Station to share with your neighbors, family, and/or friends. Also, if you're on Facebook, like/share our event.

Text, call, or email Betsy Cloninger or Billie Hall with any questions.



TRUNK OR TREAT

THURSDAY OCTOBER 31 • 5:00-6:30 PM

Pastor's Pen by Rev. Robert Cloninger

As I write this article, I'm coming off a weekend where I preached that I truly believed an awakening was coming to our country. I feel this way, not because I just got back from the New Room Conference, but because I have believed in a coming Awakening for two decades. What I saw and heard at the New Room Conference reinforced my belief.

As a father, I've worried about what the future of Christianity in the United States would be like for my children, but also, as a father, I realize it would have been irresponsible for me to bring children into a world that I didn't believe Christ would revive and awaken. Think of that in your own life; if you truly felt that the world would worsen, then why do much of anything? Why have children? Why work? Why go to church? And I ask these questions to get you to see that you, too, have more hope that God will move in significant ways than maybe you even thought. And I'm asking you to partner with me in this hope. Let's pray it in and watch to see where the Lord moves.

My friends, a cold faith with no hope, joy, or expectation is simply not for me. I don't want just to get by; I want to be wrapped up in the Kingdom of Heaven as it moves. And I want to be a part of the changes an outpouring of God will bring to our country. Amid division and polarization, there is unity in Christ; amid hate, there is love in Christ; in the midst of feeling purposeless, there is purpose in Christ, and Christ is calling us to be His hands and feet in this world to usher in a new day with Him.

As I mentioned in the sermons I preached this weekend, you don't have to fully believe me; just believe that God isn't done and go to Him with a willing heart to pray for Him to move in big ways. Even if your prayer starts out cold and half-hearted, pray it anyway and watch what will be done in your life. As I made that request yesterday, I realized that I offered a sample prayer for you to pray. Here is the prayer God led me to:



PRAYER FOR AWAKENING

Almighty, Holy, Loving, and Sovereign Father,

I beg that You would let me awaken to your love for me. To remind me of who You are to me and what You have done for me. Show me every place where I have been guided and held together by Your outstretched hand. Rekindle any fizzled faith that I have so that I might believe with all that I am that You love me and are moving in this world. Show me the state of my heart and all places where I am being disobedient or lacking in faith. Give me the strength to thoroughly examine every area of my life so that I might give those areas the prayer they need. Give me new ideas to reach the hurting and lost. And use me to help bring awakening to the land that I love that so many have died for. I love you, God, with all that I am.

I pray all of this in the name of Your Son and My Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ALL CHURCH EVENT

OCTOBER 27 @ 5:30 PM

WEAR FAVORITE TEAM COLORS
TAILGATE FOOD WILL BE SERVED

\$4 PER PERSON
SIGN UPS BEGIN MID-OCTOBER



OCTOBER 14 • 9AM - 4PM

HIGHLANDS CHURCH PARKING LOT

PLEASE DONATE CLEAN & GENTLY USED ITEMS
(no mattresses or printers)

EQUIPMENT CHECKOUT PROCEDURES



Did you know we have a variety of equipment available for loan? If you need something for a medical issue or simply have company coming to town, we may have just what you need! The list of items include: medical equipment and supplies such as wheel chairs, walkers, shower seats, and bedside commodes. We also have high chairs, car seats, playpens, a fold-away cot, and much more.

These items can be found in the lower level Storage Room. If you would like to checkout any equipment, please look for the clipboard with the bright pink cover sheet sitting on the table near the door. Read the Liability Waiver at the top of the sheet and then sign-out your equipment. If you would like assistance, the office staff will be happy to help... just ask!

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!

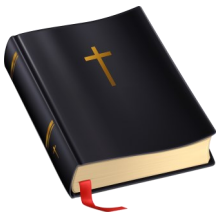
HIGHLANDS CHURCH

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP CENTER

SUNDAYS DURING THE TRADITIONAL SERVICE



Adult Sunday School



Join us for Bible Study in the Mark classroom at 8:30 am to explore the process of Sanctification in 25 Basic Bible Studies. We'd love to see you this Sunday! Questions? Call Brad Krug at 719-210-6124.

Traditional Worship Sundays at 10 am

LIVE Streaming
ON facebook



The Traditional Worship service is streaming LIVE on Facebook every Sunday morning at 10:00. Find us on Facebook by visiting facebook.com/hgmcbv or searching 'hgmcbv' and make sure you FOLLOW our page to get notifications from Highlands Church. Alternatively, a direct link to our Facebook page can be found on the homepage of our website at www.hgmcbv.com.



HIGHLANDS METHODIST MEN

Join us on Tuesday, October 1, at 7:45 am in the Fellowship Hall for our next Highlands Methodist Men (HMM) breakfast meeting. Our guest speaker will be Steve Goss MD, whose specialty is internal medicine/pediatrics. Dr. Goss practiced medicine in Bentonville for 35 years and now teaches internal medicine at UAMS in Fayetteville. His topic of discussion will be 'how to better care for ourselves as we get older'. If you plan to attend, please sign up at the Information Station in the Gathering Area so we are able to prepare the proper amount of food.



HIGHLANDS METHODIST WOMEN

Greetings Highlands Global Methodist Women! Join us on Monday, October 14, at 9:30 am for our meeting with representatives from the Boys & Girls Club of Bella Vista, Our Mission of Love project for 2024. This year will be a bit different in that there will be no notes to write. We are asking YOU to please bring one large bag of candy, 120 + pieces, that will be donated to the Boys and Girls Club children later that day. We will fill goody bags after our regular meeting and you are welcome to help fill those bags before you leave. As usual we will have food, fun and fellowship. Please sign up to attend the meeting at the Information Station by 11:15 am on Sunday, October 13. This should be another fun and informative meeting. All women of Highlands Church and their friends are welcome. See you on the 14th!

Crock Pot Sunday

AN HMW FUNDRAISER

October 6 - 11:15 am

SEE YOU THERE!



MUFFINS FOR MISSIONS

We are looking for a few good bakers...
We need a few volunteers to help with baking
the Halloween Muffins for Missions.
Contact Billie Hall for more information or
to sign up to bake a dozen or two.



OCTOBER 26 & 27
AFTER SERVICE
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

Mission Opportunities

Thank you to all who volunteered to help pack Snack Packs and work at Care & Share in September.

We will not pack Snack Packs in October. Our next packing date will be the first Wednesday in November – November 6.

Highlands Church will volunteer at Care and Share the week of November 5 – 9, 2024. Watch for signup info in the coming weeks.

Thank you again,

Sara Sherman, Mission Ministry Chair

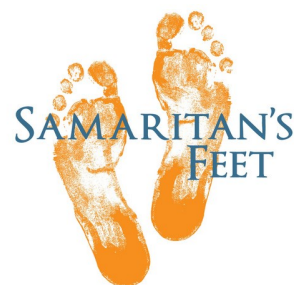
7th Annual Charity Car Show & Cruise-In

Since our 7th annual Car Show and Cruise-In doesn't take place until after this newsletter comes out, we are unable to give an update on the results at this time. However, we can give our sincere thanks to you, our Highlands Church family, for your continued support of this event. Not just for your monetary support through ticket sales and purchases, or your physical support with 40 volunteers helping put on the show, but for everyone's willingness to pitch in when asked and to give so generously of your time, money and selves.



THANK YOU!

Highlands Car Show / Missions Committee



**Join Us For Communion
DURING BOTH SERVICES
OCTOBER 5 & 6**



October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1– HMM Meeting	2– Fellowship Committee Mtg	3	4	5– Communion
6– Communion – Crock Pot Sunday	7	8– Admin Council Meeting – Compassionate Disciples Meeting	9– Stitches Mtg	10	11	12
13	14– HMW Meeting – Office Closed for Holiday	15– Kitchen Cleaning	16	17– Library Meeting	18	19– Scrapbooking & Card Making
20	21	22	23– Stitches Mtg	24	25	26
27– ACE Event – Muffins for Missions	28	29	30	31– Trunk or Treat		



Upcoming Fellowship Events

Veterans Day Celebration – November 9/10
(for addition to wall/slideshow, bring photo to office by Nov 4)

Christmas Luncheon – December 15
(Christmas Cantata will be Dec 14/15, more info coming soon)

New Members

Robert Worthington became an associate member on August 25 in the Traditional Service. Robert was born and raised in Chile, moved to Texas about 20 years ago, and then relocated to Bella Vista in 2023. He is both a CPA (certified public accountant) and attorney in the great states of Texas and Arkansas. He's had his own CPA firm, been a college professor at Dallas Baptist University, and been a CFO for two medium size companies. Currently, he is the CFO for Premier Dermatology. He is also a member of St Paul Methodist Church in Amarillo, Texas, a GMC congregation. He is attending seminary at Asbury and has already begun the (very long) ordination process. He teaches the Bible on Friday nights through a podcast aimed at a secular audience. Participating in ministry, particularly apologetics (defending the faith), is the highest privilege of his life.

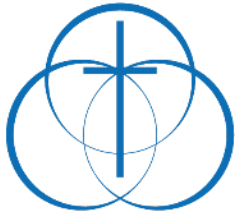


Ryan Allen became an associate member on August 25 in the Traditional Service. Ryan is also a member of St Paul Methodist Church in Amarillo, Texas and moved to Bella Vista in 2023. Ryan was a staff accountant at a few different companies in Texas, but since moving to Bella Vista, he is taking some time off to concentrate on his health. He enjoys woodworking, swimming, and hopes to start cycling more soon.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

SATURDAY CELEBRATION - 5:30 PM

SUNDAY TRADITIONAL - 10:00 AM



HIGHLANDS CHURCH

A Global Methodist Congregation

Office News

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

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

HOLIDAY: The church office will be closed on Mon, October 14, in observation of Columbus Day.

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 Staff*

MONICA CLARK, *Custodian*

Operating Budget Report - August 31, 2024

	YTD Budget	August Actual	YTD Actual
Income	335,566	34,054	296,933
Expenses	335,566	41,953	309,950
Net	0	(7,898)	(13,016)

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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