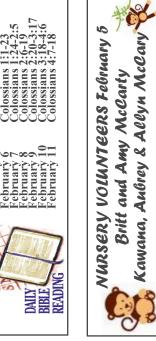
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"Start Here" Lunch

9:00 - 9:45 AM 10:00-11:00 AM 11:30 AM

Number 5

ADULT EXERCISE Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 8:30 AM

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- Precept Bible Study
- Family Night Supper at 5:00 PM

MENU: Porkloin, Macaroni and Cheese, Green Beans, Salad, Dessert

CHILDREN'S MENU: Hot Dogs or Chicken Nuggets

- Youth Worship (5:45-7:15 PM)
- Kidz WOW (5:45-7:15 PM)
- Prayer Meeting (6:00 PM)
- Adult Choir Rehearsal (7:00 PM)

OUR VISION STATEMENT

We want to see every member of the HBC family growing in Christlike character and on mission in our church, in our homes, in our city, and in our world.

FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR...

Is coming to church important? If you are reading this, then chances are you would say so. All recent statistics continue to show that church attendance is not important to most people. A Gallup poll revealed in 2021 that church attendance dropped below the majority (47%) for Americans for the first time in 80 years. A study conducted by Lifeway Research found that in a 2019 survey over three denominations that more churches closed in 2019 than were started.² A 2020 Faith Communities Study revealed through studying 80 denominations over 20 years that church attendance has declined since 2000 from 137 average attendance to now 65.3 Even among professing Christians, the average person attends now about one time a month.

Church attendance has always been important. After Saul was converted on the road to Damascus he was baptized and then found a church. Saul was with the disciples in Damascus for some time. Immediately he began proclaiming Jesus in the synagogues: "He is the Son of God" (Acts 9:19b-20, CSB). Saul immediately found other believers to do life with and a church (synagogue) to meet with and proclaim Jesus. One of the main reasons why you and I need to be together on the Lord's Day is so we can remind one another again and again of who Jesus is: He is the Son of God." I love what J. Mack Stiles says in his book on evangelism, "We want a whole church that speaks of Jesus!" A whole church that speaks of Jesus is precisely why we need you here.

If you are not yet part of our church as a member (gospel partner), then what's stopping you? Don't let a fear of commitment keep you from joining what God is doing here at Highland. You are personally invited to check out who we are at our first START HERE lunch. Just check out the graphic below and then RSVP to the church office. Let's be a whole church who speaks of Jesus!

New Here?



- 1 https://news.gallup.com/ poll/341963/church-membership-falls -below-majority-first-time.aspx ² 3.000 churches were started and 4,500 closed. https:// research.lifeway.com/2021/05/25/ protestant-church-closures-outpaceopenings-in-u-s/
- ³ https://faithcommunitiestoday.org/ fact-2020-survey/



CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO:

- ...Mrs. Kimi Ridinger in the death of her sister-in-law.
- ...Mickey Gavin in the death of his sister.

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Our Goal—\$50,000,00

Given to date—\$35,556.50

STEWARDSHIP REPORT JANUARY 29, 2023

Budget Budget Online Giving	11,499.50 5,848.40	CDC Req. to date (5@23,318.27)	116,591.35	
Designated Designated Online Giving CDC	459.90 380.00 110,526.00 128,713.80 128,315.40	CDC Receipts to date CDC Deficit to date	110,526.00 6,065.35	
Total Budget Req. to date		SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP	232 302	
(5@ 25,663.08) Budget Receipts to date Budget Deficit to date	96,619.53 31,695.87			