











Building Relationships with Christ, One Another, and the World

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Coming Up!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Growth Groups (Sunday School) Morning Worship

9:00 AM

10:00 AM

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY Adult Exercise at 8:30 AM

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- Brunch and Bible Study at 10:00 AM
- Men's Bible Study at 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- Men's Bible Study at Dr. Britt McCarty's office at 5:30 AM
- Precept Bible Study
- Family Night Supper at 5:00 PM

MENU: Taco Soup, Cornbread, Salad, Dessert CHILDREN'S MENU: Chicken Nuggets or Hot Dogs

- Kidz WOW Large Group in the Rally Room at 5:30 PM
- Kidz WOW at 6:00 PM
- Youth Prayer Meeting at 5:45 PM
- Prayer Meeting at 6:00 PM
- Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 PM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7-SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9 DISCIPLE NOW

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16 Widow/Widower Dinner at 5:00 PM Please call the church office by February 12 to make a reservation.

FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR...

We have designated February as Deacon Appreciation Month. What is a deacon? The Greek noun diakonos appears 29 times in the New Testament and it means servant or minister. A deacon is someone who serves and in the body of Christ, everyone serves. Jesus said in Mark 9:35, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be last and servant [deacon] of all." Everyone in the body of Christ is expected to serve, but there are those whom God has called to a special office of service, called the Deacon. Our deacons are our servant-leaders in the church. They selflessly serve us and set the standard and example of what Christlike service looks like. These are men that serve with the motivation to glorify God through their service. In Matt Smethurst's book called Deacon: How They Serve and Strengthen the Church, he points out several characteristics of a deacon and their job description.

Deacons are...

- Servants They seek to serve not be served.
- Shock Absorbers They preserve congregational unity.
- Problem Solvers Not perpetuating problems.

Deacon's job description looks like...

- Spotting and meeting tangible needs
- · Protecting and promoting church unity
- Serving and supporting the ministry of the elders (Pastor)

These are a few key aspects of the deacon ministry. Our deacons are all of these and do all of these and more, which is why we want to bless them this month. Here are some tangible ways to appreciate your deacon in the month of February (and all year long).

- 1. Pray for you deacon and family.
- 2. Pray for our deacons during your Sunday morning Growth Group (SS) time.
- 3. Thank your deacon with either a phone call or a card.
- 4. Contact others on your deacon family list and bless your deacon and wife with a gift card to a local restaurant. Call or email the church office, and Marsha will be glad to give you the list you are on.
- 5. Take your deacon out for lunch.
- 6. What other creative ideas can you come up with?

As we bless our deacons this month, don't forget to thank God for providing the deacons and wives that He has provided for the ministry here at Highland!

ANNIVERSARY

This month Rick Snowden begins his 8th year as our Director of Church Administration.

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DISCIPLE NOW 2025—FEBRUARY 7-9
Scan the <u>QR Code</u> to sign up on the Shelby App.

"AND THE LORD ADDED UNTO HIS CHURCH..."

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BY BAPTISM: Leland Harris 539 Paul Anderson Drive (39301)

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Deacon: Harry Mayer

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STEWARDSHIP REPORT JANUARY 26, 2025

Giving to budget to date
Giving to budget (1/20-1/26)

66,921.12 10,515.01 SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP

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LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING GIVEN TO DATE: \$46,048