



The Weekly Newsletter of Highland Baptist Church January 10, 2023

- ***Please note: our church offices will be closed Monday, January 16 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.***
- ***Next week's newsletter will be sent on Wednesday, January 18.***
- ***Our next Quarterly Church Conference is February 5 at 4:00 PM on Zoom.***

Call Weekend for Minister of Music and Worship

The Search Committee for the Minister of Music and Worship is excited to share that we have arrived on a final candidate to recommend to the church! The committee is unanimous in our support for this candidate and hopeful about all that they could bring to our music and worship ministry and to the life of our faith community. We will share more information about the candidate in the days ahead, but for now, we are asking you to save the date for a Call Weekend January 27-29, including specific events listed below:

Friday, January 27

- **Lunch with Staff**
- **Deacons and Ministry Council Q&A 5:30-6:45 PM**
- **Friday Church, Candidate Introduction, and Vote 7:00 PM**

Saturday, January 28

- **Music Ministry Q&A 9:00-10:30 AM**
- **Brunch 10:30-11:30 AM**
- **Church-Wide Q&A 11:30-12:30**

Sunday, January 29

- **Worship, Candidate Faith Story, and Vote: 8:45 AM**
- **Meet and Greet: 9:45-10:15 AM**
- **Choir Rehearsal: 10:50 AM**
- **Worship, Candidate Faith Story, and Vote: 11:15 AM**



Nominate Members for Ministry Council Congregational Representatives

Each January, the congregation is invited to nominate members to serve as congregational representatives on Ministry Council. The Ministry Council is the primary body of elected leaders

who attend to the business of the church and support the work of its ministry groups. The Ministry Council is made up of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Ministry Council, the Chair and Vice Chair of the Deacon body, the Ministerial Staff, the Chair of Finance Ministry Group, and six Congregational Representatives who are elected by the church.

The Ministry Council acts as a support for ministry groups, oversees planning of the church calendar, and can serve as a discerning body for issues that arise in the church. The Ministry Council Nominating Group will contact those nominated to serve on Ministry Council to determine their willingness to serve. The church will vote by ballot to approve the names of those who have agreed to serve a three-year term, beginning February 2023. Active deacons are not eligible to serve on Ministry Council.

Current Ministry Council members are Jennifer Baker, David Bannister (vice chair), Vaughn Bell (Personnel chair), Lauren Blackwell, Molly Braun (chair), Troy Burden (deacon chair), Emmanuel Maize, Beth Metcalf, Charlie Suer (Finance chair), Tyler Swim (deacon vice chair), and Katie Williams. Beth and Katie are rotating off. We need to fill three congregational positions.

Nomination ballots will be available in paper form Wednesday evening (January 11) and during worship on Friday, January 13 and Sunday, January 15.

Home by Another Way

I love watching Google's Year-In-Search every year and [this year's presentation](#) is no exception. In 2022, people all across the world found themselves asking Google about change: about new ideas, new possibilities, and new ways forward. It's like COVID gave us a new lease on life - permission to reimagine ourselves and to start again.



As we begin 2023, I wonder how is the Spirit inviting, calling, or challenging us toward some sort of change? How do we need to “go home by another way?” like the magi because the way we’ve been going about things just isn’t working for us, for others, or for our world anymore?

- How do we need to change how we take care of ourselves – not running ourselves ragged and becoming the most stressed out, exhausted, worst versions of ourselves – but living with intention and healthy boundaries and clearer focus?
- How do we need to change how we take care of this planet – of this beautiful world entrusted to us – so that it will continue to be home for those who will come after us?
- We have been in the midst of a long-overdue moment of racial reckoning in our country, and as Maya Angelou once said, “Do the best you can until you know better. And when you know better, do better.” How do we need to change and do better?
- How do we need to throw out the maps and guidebooks that we have always been given but are not longer working for us anymore, so that we might blaze new trails through uncharted territory instead?

Here's to a year of bold hope and the courage to change, so that we, too, might go home by another way.

~ *Mary Alice Birdwhistell*

SAVE THE DATE:

2023 SUMMER CAMPS

VBS CAMP AT CEDAR RIDGE CAMP & RETREAT CENTER (K-2ND)

JUNE 9-11, OVERNIGHT, \$135

PASSPORTKIDS AT BEREA COLLEGE (3RD-5TH)

JUNE 20-23, OVERNIGHT, \$360

DISCOVERY CAMP (K-2ND)

JULY 10-13, 9A-3P, \$175

ADVOCACY CAMP (3RD-5TH)

JULY 17-20, 9A-3P, \$150

Curious about what shape each camp will take? Read more [here!](#)
Registration for all camps will open on Sunday, January 15
via link in your email inbox. Note that space is limited for each camp,
so please register early!



Justin Sizemore meets with youth on his first Sunday as Highland's Associate Pastor to Youth and Young Adults

Cloud of Witness Returns!

Join us tomorrow night at 6:15 in the Fellowship Hall as Bob Cunningham facilitates the conversation with our next group of saints-in-process, Megan Fuller, Tyler Mayfield, and Ginny Sims.



Wednesday Night Suppers are back! Next week is salad night: spinach/strawberry/feta, garden salad, Greek salad, grilled chicken, citrus shrimp. *Kids: chicken tenders and mac and cheese. Want to reserve a spot for next week, January 18? Fill out [this form](#) by Monday, January 16 at noon to make your reservation. If you want to attend all Wednesday Night Suppers, we heartily encourage making standing reservations.

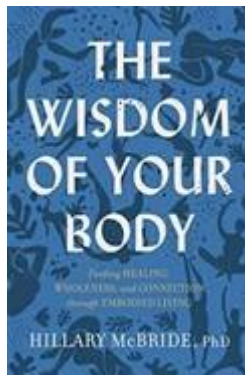
Payments can be made via cash or check as you arrive, but we also encourage paying ahead via <https://hbclouisville.org/give/payments/>

Note: those with standing reservations can make payments for the entire month (or more)! For any Wednesday Night Supper cancellations, please email erin@hbclouisville.org or call the church office (502-451-3735) by Monday at noon before each week's supper.

~ Erin Phelps

The Wisdom of Your Body

Lauren Jones Mayfield will lead a four-week Wednesday evening class (January 18, 25, February 1, and 8) on Hillary McBride's book *The Wisdom of Your Body: Finding Healing, Wholeness, and Connection through Embodied Living*.



McBride writes in the introduction, “The body is central to our experiences, to our sense of ourselves, to our autobiographical narratives. Yet research about body dissatisfaction and body hatred shows us that the majority of us—up to 90 percent of those of us in Western culture and in communities touched by globalization, inclusive of women and men—loathe our bodies.” As we are created in God’s image, how do we come home to this theological understanding of self?

Together class participants will learn more about embodiment—“the way that you are.” We will get curious about acceptance, attention, and practice as we remember and embrace our wholeness, which is a God-given gift. (Reading the book is not required, but it is available at Carmichael’s or wherever you purchase your books.)



TABLE TALK

*Tuesday, January 17 at 6:30 PM
August Moon Chinese Bistro
2269 Lexington Road*

Contact Alexandria Glaser by
Monday, January 16 at 11:00 AM
for reservations.
Email: skippy750@icloud.com

From our Financial Secretary



On behalf of the Finance and Faithful Giving Ministry Group, I would like to thank you all for your generosity and commitment to Highland Baptist Church. If you requested offering envelopes, they can be found in the Commons from now until January 31. If they have not been picked up by then, I will mail them to you.

As we move forward into 2023, please remember contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account. They can also be processed using your credit or debit card. Please review your accounts regularly if you have signed up for Highland to automatically draft your contributions. If you find any discrepancies, please feel free to contact me at the church office by phone at 502-451-3735 or by email at Kathleen@hbclouisville.org.

~ Kathleen Gordon

Streaming Worship Links

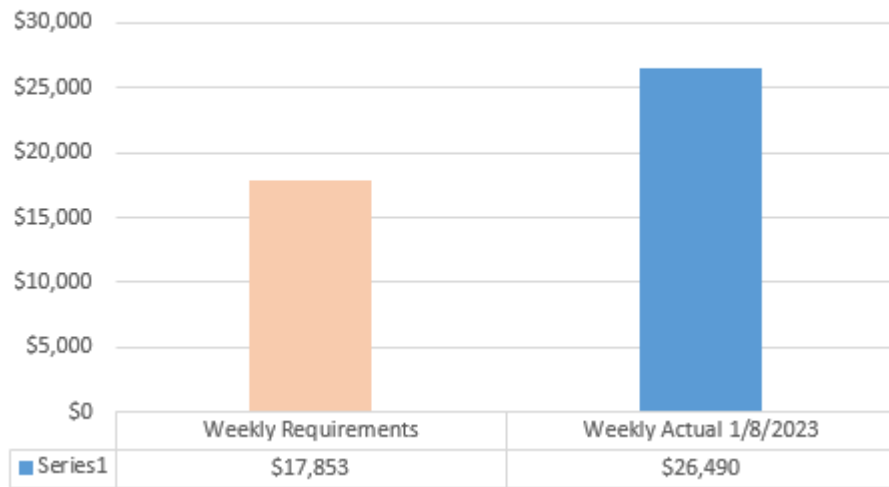
Below are the links to stream the worship service each Sunday at Highland. Please bookmark them since they remain the same from week-to-week!

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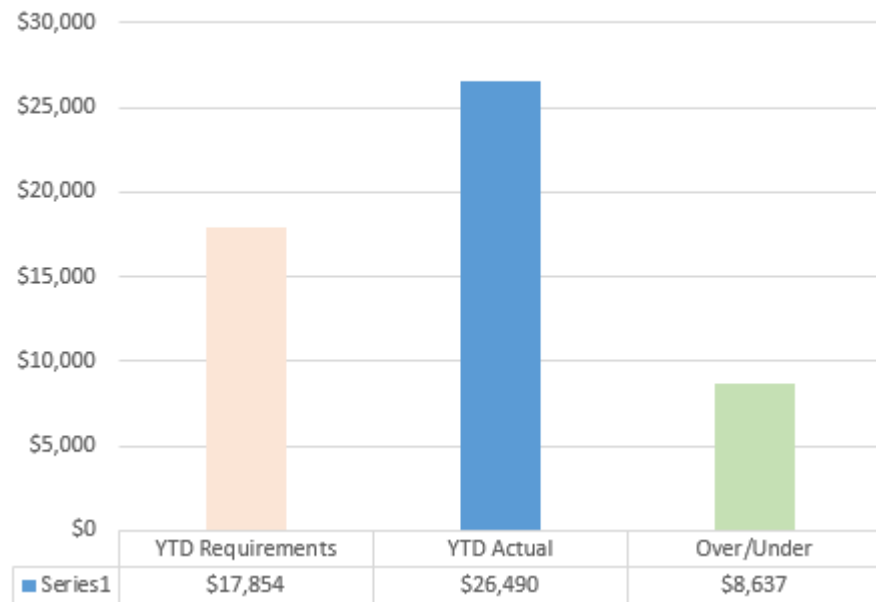
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Financial Reports

Weekly Income 1/8



YTD Income 1/8/2023



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Louisville Homicides

Please join us in prayer and action as we remember those who have been killed in recent weeks in our city. We grieve with those who mourn, while we also maintain a hope that one day, all things will be made new.

- Terrodd Stewart, 32, killed December 3
- Reginald Speight, 28, killed January 1
- Dorian Tisby, 24, killed January 2
- Jeremiah Buckner, 42, killed January 3



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