



HIGHLAND
BAPTIST CHURCH

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*From the
Pastor's
Desk*



Happy New Year, Highlanders!

This is a great time of year to look backward with thanksgiving and forward with expectancy. 2024 was a good year overall. I'm sure there are some things for each of us we wish had never happened. Many of our family and friends have been called home to the Lord. There are other things we'd like to repeat. But we all know we cannot change or repeat the past. Even when, for example, we return to our favorite vacation spot, no vacation can ever be exactly the same.

So, it is with Highland. We had a very good year. We've had some old friends return and some new friends find and join us. We've seen steady growth, had some baptisms (with more to come), and finished the church year fiscally strong. With the additions of Jordan Inscore and Candace McCall, we have a full staff. Our Youth and Children's ministries are growing. And we ended the year with a marvelous musical presentation for Christmas.

The year ahead promises to be even better. We have a strong foundation for growth. Yet there is some concern about what lies ahead. I'll be retiring in four months, and you'll have a new pastor. We must be praying for our Pastor Search Team (PST).

I hope you take home the bulletin each week and pray through the specific requests for Highland and the PST. Pray for wisdom, unity, and spiritual sensitivity to God's guidance. Pray for the right man to submit his application. And pray that the PST will sense God's hand on the one He's anointed for Highland.

The new pastor will be younger. He will want to make some changes. This is inevitable. How will you respond?

In Ezra 3, Israel was building the new Temple. When they had erected the foundation, there were tears of joy and sorrow. The younger Jews were thrilled with the progress toward having a Temple, the place where the nation worshiped the Lord. The older leaders wept because they knew it could never be as magnificent as Solomon's Temple.

Highland will never be what it was, but it can be much better as we move forward into God's preferred future. What are you hoping for in 2025 for you and your family? For Highland? Will you be weeping tears of joy as we grow? Or tears of sorrow for what it can never be again? Join us as we seek God's favor in the year ahead!

See you Sunday! Bring a friend!

Frank

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Church Office Closed	2	3	4 8:30 AM: YAH Breakfast
5	6 10 AM: Kards Ministry	7	8 6:30 PM: MIA Bible Study 7 PM: Choir Practice	9	10	11
12	13	14 6:30 PM: Leadership Council	15 7 PM: Choir Practice	16 6 PM: Community of Hope 7:30 PM: Missions Team Meeting	17 3:30 PM: Youth Ski Trip	18 6 PM: Men's Steak Dinner
19	20 MLK Holiday CEC Closed	21	22 12 PM: YAH Soup & Sandwich Luncheon 6:30 PM: MIA Bible Study 7 PM: Choir Practice	23	24	25
26 5 PM: Regular Church Conference	27	28	29 7 PM: Choir Practice	30	31	

"We must be willing to let go of the life we have planned, so as to have the life that is waiting for us."—Joseph Campbell

YOUNG AT HEART

BREAKFAST

Saturday, January 4 | 8:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

SOUP & SANDWICH LUNCHEON

Wednesday, January 22 | 12 p.m.

The Highland Baptist Young at Heart is our ministry to senior adults as both a part of the church membership and community outreach. For more information, contact Hugh Clark.



Please be in prayer for our mission team who will be traveling to Kenya, Africa January 19-26, 2025. The 6 team members are: Rich Lovegreen, Sierra Durham, Hugh Clark, Gayle Clark, Tim Inscore, and Marjorie Inscore.



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