

**Highland's Child Development Center**

**Prayer for Our CDC Students**

**As you grow may you experience love  
never-ending.**

**And know that your life On Him is  
depending.**

**As you grow always be thankful for  
Blessings unfolding.**

**Give Him your best For your life He is  
molding.**

**CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

6:45 AM - 5:30 PM Monday - Friday

PRESCHOOL AGES 3-5

ANN SMITH, *Director* 455-8642

*Celebrating*  
**55**  
**YEARS**

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**THE CONNECTION**

January 2025

In life, there are many noble pursuits—peacekeeping, medicine, philanthropy—that people may dedicate their lives to. These pursuits can bring about significant good, such as curing diseases, promoting peace, or alleviating poverty. However, the passage in Mark 2:1-12 illustrates that the greatest work we can do is to bring people to Jesus. This story revolves around a paralyzed man who was immobile, impotent, and incapable of coming to Jesus on his own, yet he was brought to Jesus by four men who loved him enough to take him to Jesus, and his life was never the same.

Several obstacles hindered him from reaching Jesus. The first was his sick condition – his paralysis. This represents the universal condition of sin, which prevents people from seeking Christ on their own. When Jesus first speaks to him, He addresses his spiritual need, saying, “Son, your sins are forgiven.”

This shows that the man’s greatest need wasn’t physical healing but forgiveness and spiritual restoration. It emphasizes that the condition of the soul is far more urgent than physical ailments and that spiritual healing is the primary concern. The second obstacle was the selfish crowd. As Jesus was preaching, a large crowd had gathered, blocking access to Him. The crowd focused on their needs and comfort rather than being concerned about the lost and the hurting. This mirrors how, at times, we can become so consumed with our own comfort and interests that we fail to notice or help those who need Christ. Another significant barrier was the sour critics, the Pharisees, who were present not to seek healing but to criticize Jesus. They were so focused on their rigid religious rules and judgments that they completely missed the compassion of Jesus. This attitude of criticism and coldness can often be an obstacle to others coming to Christ, as it creates an environment that is unwelcoming or dismissive of the needs of others. Despite these obstacles, the four men who brought the paralyzed man to Jesus exemplify the kind of commitment and action required to bring others to Christ. Their concern for their friend’s well-being drove them to act. They understood the urgency of the man’s need for healing and salvation and did whatever it took to bring him to Jesus. Their unity was key—they worked together, carrying the man in unison. This teamwork highlights the power of unity in mission. It also underscores that evangelism is not a solo task but one that benefits from collective effort and shared purpose.

When the crowd blocked their way, the men showed determination. They cut through the roof of the house to lower the paralyzed man to Jesus. This dramatic action reflects the persistent faith needed in evangelism—sometimes, reaching people requires overcoming significant challenges, even taking risks and making sacrifices. Their willingness to pay the cost of damaging someone’s roof demonstrates that the salvation of souls often comes at a price. This act symbolizes that the effort to bring someone to Christ may require personal sacrifice, but it’s worth it for the sake of salvation.

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No matter what this man could've done or what his friends did to get him to Jesus, they couldn't fix his biggest problem – his need for salvation. The only one who could help him was Jesus. However, the true miracle of this story isn't the man's physical healing but his spiritual transformation. Jesus forgives the man's sins, demonstrating His divine authority and proving that He is the only one who can genuinely heal both body and soul. This healing points to the greatest work anyone can do—leading others to Jesus, who offers both physical and eternal healing.

So, while many worthy causes may exist, bringing people to Jesus is life's greatest work. As we enter a new year, may we be inspired by the example of these four friends by showing concern, unity, determination, and sacrifice in our efforts to bring others to Christ. After all, the salvation of souls is the most important and lasting impact we can have in this world during this new year!

Happy New Year,  
Pastor Jim

### Highland on Mission

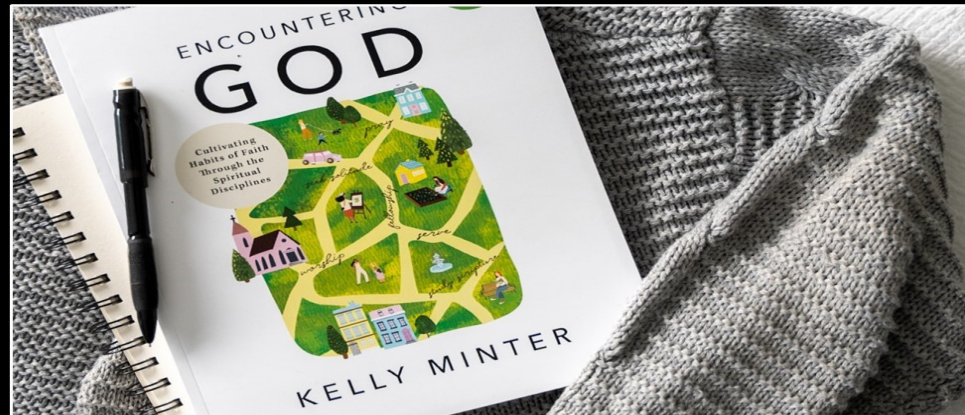
Can it really be 2025? Seems surreal, doesn't it?

There's an old hymn, "Another Year Is Dawning" that has these words:

"Another year is dawning, Dear Father, let it be, In working or in waiting, another year with Thee. Another year of progress, another year of praise. Another year of proving Thy presence all the days." (Frances R. Havergal)

Our Missions Team has done an overview of the mission's endeavors Highland does throughout the calendar year. Check it out on the Missions Bulletin Board. Our prayer is that as this new year dawns, we will pursue the opportunities to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ in our city, our state, our nation, and our world.

Looking forward to what The Lord has in store for Highland,  
Rema Bell



**Two Times:**  
Sundays  
4:00-5:30 PM  
  
Tuesdays  
10:00-11:30 AM  
  
**Begins:**  
Sunday, Jan. 12  
Tuesday, Jan 14

WOMENS BIBLE STUDY- ENCOUNTERING GOD by Kelly Minter

# Deacon of the Week

Dec. 28– Jan. 3

Jonathan Sipe

January 4-10

Steve Stone

January 11-17

Ben Murray

January 18-24

Mike Stringfield

January 25-31

Tommy Griffin

### Deacons for 2024-2025

Group	Deacon
A-BO	Steve Stone
BR-DOU	Johnny McBride
DUN-F	Tommy Griffin
GA-HEN	Jimmy Gaddis
HES-JOR	Bradley Rogers
KI-MOF	Ben Murray
MON-RAY	Mike Stringfield
RID-SM	Paco Prince
SN-V	Jason Robison
W-Y	Jonathan Sipe
DEACONS	Roger Williams

### Greeters– January 2025

January 5– David/ Diane

January 12– Johnny/ Gayle/ Brian

January 19 – Linda/ Samantha

January 26 – Jimmy/ Kristy

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Johnny McBride  
Steve Stone  
Tommy Griffin  
Jason Robison  
Paco Prince  
Jonathan Sipe  
Mike Stringfield  
Ben Murray  
Jimmy Gaddis  
Bradley Rogers  
Roger Williams

### Security Partners

Ben Howell  
Jennifer Sipe  
David Inocencio  
Jason Farris  
Linda Miller  
Scarlett Carpenter  
Keith Bailey

Please sign up on the bulletin board to be a security partner .

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“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!” 2 Corinthians 5:17. Please pray for our little ones to know Christ as their Savior! I’m thankful for a new month, a new year, a new beginning! Kathy

## January Nursery Volunteers

**Nursery Director– Kathy Hasty- If you are not able to serve on your assigned date, please call Kathy Hasty at 931-455-0977.**

Sunday January 5:

Bible Study: Jennifer Sipe

Morning Worship: Kim Dodson, Kelly Farris, Lauren Fults

Evening Worship: Scarlett Carpenter, Kathy Hasty

Wednesday January 8: Kim Dodson, Regenia Rogers

Sunday January 12:

Bible Study: Liz Bond

Morning Worship: Kim Dodson, Linda Bolinger, Kathy Hasty

Evening Worship: Terri Stone, Kathy Hasty

Wednesday January 15: Kim Dodson, Kathy Hasty

Sunday January 19:

Bible Study: David Inocencio

Morning Worship: David Inocencio, Kim Dodson, Leah Prince

Evening Worship: Steve Stone, Kathy Hasty

Wednesday January 22: Kim Dodson, Kathy Hasty

Sunday January 26:

Bible Study: Liz and Lauren

Morning Worship: Kim Dodson, Regina Rogers, Rick Miller

Evening Worship: Brenda Griffin, Kathy Hasty

Wednesday January 29: Kim Dodson, Kathy Hasty

The start of a new year brings some people excitement, joy of new beginnings, anxiety, or even fear. Understanding what we are feeling can be difficult with much that has happened this past year or what may happen in the year to come. One thing we can be certain is that our God never changes. His word is everlasting, and the truths that brought us guidance and peace last year will do the same for 2025. Psalm 119:105, “Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path.” As you spend time with the Lord each day, focus on where you are in the present and not what is ahead of you in the unknown or the sins of the past. Rest in the assurance God loves you, sees you, and is with you. I don’t remember who originated this saying, but “We can have peace for today and hope for tomorrow” because the Lord is with us. His mercy, grace, and love pour out on us daily. In the same chapter of Psalm 119:110, the psalmist says, “The wicked have set a trap for me, but I have not wandered from your precepts.” I believe that if we live our lives, letting the Word of God light up our path, keeping our feet planted in its truth, and not wandering from God’s word, we will see the traps the enemy has laid out for us each day. It will take focus, discipline, and prayer to walk every day in the Spirit. May this new year lead you into a deeper relationship with Jesus. Praying for you!

Matt Koehler

Minister of Youth & Education

**Youth Parents, camp deposits of \$100 are due by January 20th.** Date for camp is June 29th - July 3rd at Johnson University in Knoxville, TN.

**NO OTHER NAME**  
*Philippians 2:9-11*  
Please let me know if you have any questions.

**6th Annual HBC Chili Cook Off**  
**Chili COOK OFF**  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST @5:30PM  
Chili Cook Off Competition will be held in the Fellowship Hall. The competition will consist of the Judges Award and the People's Choice Award.

**CentriKid**  
June 9th-13th, 2025 at Lee University in Cleveland, TN.  
**join us for camp!**  
**CentriKid camp deposits of \$75 are due by February 15th.**

**ARE YOU READY?????** Mark your calendars for February 1 at 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. We will have our Chili Cookoff Competition. Last year, Tony Rogers took home the title for best Chili! The belt is up for grabs this year! No doubt Tony will not be easy to beat! Will he retain his title or will you be the one to dethrone the CHAMP? A sign-up sheet will be on my bulletin board by my office.

**Please sign up by January 22nd. It will be epic!**

There will also be a Bake-off during the Chili Cookoff. Bring your best baked dessert!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Sound Volunteer Schedule– January 2025</b> 1/5/24– Ben Murray 1/8/25&1/12/24– Ben Howell 1/15/25&1/19/25– Ben Murray 1/22/25&1/26/25– Andrew Newton 1/29/25&2/2/25– Ben Murray			1 New Year’s Day Church Office Closed  No Wednesday Night Services	2	3	4
5  Carrie Newton	6	7  Isaac Lee	8  Bradley Rogers	9  Becky Moffat Jennifer Sipe	10	11  Church Council 9:00-10:00 a.m.
12 <b>Deacons Meeting 4:00 p.m.</b> Women’s Bible Study 4:00-5:30 p.m.	13	14 <b>Prime Timers 12:00 p.m.</b> Women’s Bible Study 10:00-11:30 a.m.  Jimmy Gaddis Gayle McBride	15  Diane Tatum	16  Elizabeth Bond Trey Prince	17  George Duncan Doug Ridings Cesar Villafuerte	18  Kylie Prince
19  Steve Hice	20 Youth Camp deposits due \$100 <b>Scholarship Transcripts due</b>	21  Chesleigh Lee	22 <b>Chili Cook-off Sign-up deadline</b>  Ryan Robison	23  Elizabeth Warren	24  Katelyn Rogers	25
26	27	28  Diane Inocencio Linda Smith	29	30	31  Brad Pearson	<b>February 1 Chili cook-off &amp; Bake –off 5:30-7:30 p.m.</b>

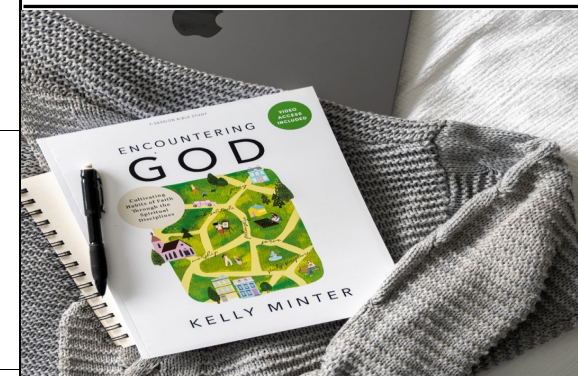
## Highlands Highlights

**Counters For January**  
Kathy Hasty/ Donna Jackson

**Deacon’s Meeting**  
Sunday, January 12, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

**January Prime Timers (55 & Better)**  
Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at noon. Please bring your favorite soup, sandwich, and/or dessert to share. Everyone 55 and better is invited to attend.

**Scholarship Reminder:** All HBC scholarship recipients are required to submit college transcripts to reflect Fall 2024 grades to the church office no later than January 20th. Grades must reflect a minimum of a 2.5 GPA before scholarship monies will be released for the Spring Semester 2025.



**Women’s Bible Study 7 Week Study**  
Please sign-up on the main bulletin board. Two options available  
Sundays 4:00-5:30 p.m.  
Tuesdays– 10:00-11:30 a.m.

January Children’s Church Volunteers  
 January 5th– Jonathan/Karen/Rylie  
 January 12th– Milly/ Ryan/Coral  
 January 19th– Brenda/ Julie  
 January 26th– Matt/Ann/MJ





## **Sunday Schedule**

**Bible Study – 9:15 AM**

**Morning Worship – 10:30 AM**

\*Children's Church is available during the Service for children 3 years old– 2nd Grade\*

**Evening Worship – 6:00 PM**



## **Wednesday Night Schedule**

**Church– Wide Wednesday Night Supper  
5:00– 5:30 p.m.**

(Wednesday Night Supper will not be served May– August)

**AWANA—4 Years old– 5th Grade  
5:30– 7:00 p.m.**  
(AWANA will not meet May– August.)

**Youth and Adult Classes  
All Classes Meet at 6:00 PM**

Youth Group

Youth Dept.

Prayer Meeting/ Bible Study

Sanctuary

\*Prayer Meeting/ Bible Study is available on campus and online.\*

**Adult Choir Practice 7:00 PM**