

Highland's Child Development Center

2025 has been great for the CDC so far!

We are thankful for your prayers and the

Lord's provisions. Very soon it will be

time to begin preparations for the

summer and even fall semesters.

We already have many on our waitlist.

If you know anyone who might be

interested in having their child in our

preschool, please have them call the at

455-8642.

Thanks!

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

March 2025

This month, I want to share with you another one of the foundational building blocks that our church needs to continue building on as we enter the amazing future that God has planned for us: Worship. In John 4, Jesus engages a Samaritan woman at a well, and we learn that more than your wealth, your work, or your witness, God wants your worship. Worship is often misunderstood as just music or a Sunday event when it's actually a lifestyle that's rooted in a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ. We need to worship God the way He desires, deserves, and demands to be worshiped.

First, the Samaritan woman questions whether worship must happen at a specific place, but Jesus revolutionizes her understanding when He tells her, "Worship isn't a matter of where you are; it's a matter of who you know." In one sense, the church is a house of God where people come together to worship, but quite frankly, the church isn't the house of God; your body is the house of God. That means that worship happens wherever a believer is—24/7, not just in church. You don't go to church to start worshipping; you bring worship with you and carry it out into the world.

Second, worship demands a focus on the right object. God is looking for people who are so hungry for Him that nothing else except worship of Him will satisfy them. True worship centers on God; only a true Christian can experience true worship. Once you know Him through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, you can worship Him any time at any place. The focus of our worship is so important because, too often, we come into the worship services focused on ourselves and what we can get out of it. Are they singing the kind of music "I like?" Is everyone dressing the way "I like." Does the building look the way "I like." Understand, I want you to be blessed by the worship you experience at Highland, but worship isn't primarily for what you can get out of it; worship is primarily for what you can put into it and what He can get out of it. It's all about Him!

Finally, Jesus says that the faithful way to worship is "in spirit and in truth," amazingly, not one word is said about music, style, or even dress. Many people have the idea that if they just come to church, to the right place, at the right time, and do the right things they have worshiped. You do worship God with your body. You're to use your voice to sing, your ears to hear, your eyes to see, and your hands to clap, but those things are the expressions of worship, not the essence of worship. There are also those who have the idea that worship is tied to how you feel. If you leave feeling good, better about yourself, and more comfortable about yourself, then you've worshiped. Worship should affect how you feel, but how you feel about worship can be an experience from worship but it's still not the essence of worship. True worship is when your spirit connects with God's Spirit through the Holy Spirit. Worship isn't a social matter; it's a spiritual matter. Worship isn't about the outward appearance but the inward heart. Some people worship a god of their own design that we don't find in the Bible.

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People talk about "the god I worship." Like: "The god I worship would never allow anyone to go to hell. The god I worship made homosexuals the way they are and accepts their lifestyle. The god I worship accepts anyone into heaven if they're good enough or sincere in what they believe. The god I worship doesn't care whether I ever go to church or not." We try to make God look like us rather than us looking like God! If you're worshipping a god that you've made up in your own mind, that isn't true worship. True worship is worshipping the God of truth according to the truth of God.

The heart of worship is surrender. When you surrender your time by coming to church on Sunday, ministering to a friend who's hurting, visiting someone who's sick in the hospital, etc., that's worship. When you surrender your talents by taking whatever gifts and abilities God has given you and using them in the service of others, that's worship. When you surrender your treasure by giving back to God financially a portion of what He's given to you, that gift and that giving is an act of worship. When you really learn that it's all about Him, you come to understand that worship is a 24/7 activity that never ends. Remember this: "If it's all about you, then it's not true worship until it becomes all about Him!"

Pastor Jim Norman

HIGHLAND ON MISSION

SPRING is coming! I'm so looking forward to a new season of warmer weather and more daylight hours. I'm also looking forward to the week of March 2-9 when we as Southern Baptists take time to observe the Week of Prayer for North American Missions. This year's theme is "Step Into The Story". We will have prayer guides available and opportunities to see videos to learn of the amazing efforts of missionaries to share the good news of Jesus Christ to the estimated 286 million people who are lost. Will you please take a few moments each day to pray and then consider your gift to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering? Our goal for 2025 is \$7,000. Every dollar goes to supporting our missionaries and the ministries to fuel the gospel work in North America. May we pray, give, and go as God leads!

Rema Bell



Annie Armstrong
 Easter Offering™
FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

STEP INTO THE
STORY

HBC Goal- \$7,000



Deacon of the Week

March 1-7	Jason Robison
March 8-14	Jimmy Gaddis
March 15-21	Jonathan Sipe
March 22-28	Steve Stone
March 29-April 4	Ben Murray

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– March 2025

March 2– Linda/ Samantha
March 9– Jimmy/ Kristy
March 16 –David/ Diane
March 23 –Johnny/ Gayle/ Brian
March 30– Keith/Ramona

Deacons

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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 NURSERY DIRECTOR
 CDC DIRECTOR
 OFFICE MANAGER
 FACILITIES MANAGER



When a king's face brightens, it means life; his favor is like a rain cloud in spring.
Proverbs 16:15

March 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 March 2:

Bible Study: Jennifer Sipe

Morning Worship: Kim Dodson, Kelly Farris, Linda Bolinger

Evening Worship: Terri Stone, Kathy Hasty

Wednesday March 5: Kim Dodson, Kim Whittemore

Sunday March 9:

Bible Study: Liz Bond

Morning Worship: Kim Dodson, Julie Rogers, Kathy Hasty

Evening Worship: Terri Stone, Kathy Hasty

Wednesday March 12: Kim Dodson, Kathy Hasty

Sunday March 16:

Bible Study: David Inocencio

Morning Worship: David Inocencio, Kim Dodson, Rick Miller

Evening Worship: Brenda Griffin, Kathy Hasty

Wednesday March 19: No AWANA – Spring Break

Sunday March 23:

Bible Study: Liz and Lauren

Morning Worship: Kim Dodson, Lauren Fults, Kathy Hasty

Evening Worship: Scarlett Carpenter, Kathy Hasty

Wednesday March 26: Kim Dodson, Kathy Hasty

Sunday March 30:

Bible Study: David Inocencio

Morning Worship: Kim Dodson, Linda Bolinger, Leah Prince

Evening Worship: Steve Stone, Kathy Hasty



As March arrives, we are gearing up for VBS. We are still in need of helpers. Our next VBS training meeting is March 30th, 3:30-4:30 pm. If you are interested in helping with the Kickoff, please get with Felicia Frasch, Brittany Howell, or myself. VBS Kickoff will be May 31st at 5 pm. If you have a gift for decorating and would like to help decorate a hallway, we would gladly appreciate your help.

This year, we will be implementing a prayer room for VBS. If you are interested in helping with the prayer room, please let Brittany Howell or myself know.

April 26th will be our big fundraiser for both Centrikid and Youth Camp. Parents, if you have a kid going to camp, WE NEED YOUR HELP! There will be plenty to do. From helping with food, trash pick-up, welcoming guests, cake walk, helping with raffle prizes, and much more. I will have a job sign-up list on my bulletin board later this month. Even if the signup sheet gets full, there will still be many things to do! Come ready to serve! If you would like a flyer, I can print you some as well!

Matt Koehler
Minister of Youth & Education



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sound Volunteer Schedule– March 2025 2/26/25 & 3/2/25– Ben Murray 3/5/25 & 3/9/25– Ben Howell 3/12/25 & 3/16/25– Ben Murray 3/19/25 & 3/23/25– Andrew Newton 3/26/25 & 3/30/25– Ben Murray						1 75th Anniversary Meeting 9-10 a.m.
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Week of Prayer for North American Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering– March 2-9, 2025						
			Mickey Kiber			
9 Time Change “Spring Forward” Deacons Meeting 4:00p.m. Leonia Ross	10	11 Prime Timers 12:00 p.m.	12	13 Laura Hice	14	15 Brenda McGinnis
16 Quarterly Business Meeting 6:00 p.m.	17	18	19 No AWANA	20	21	22
	TCS Spring Break– March 14-21, 2025					
	Elijah Koehler	Bethel Bell		Russell Leonard	Jewell Ferrell	
23 Tracy Sergeant	24 Amanda Monroe Joanna Koehler	25	26 Jonathan Sipe	27	28	29
30 5th Sunday Dinner and Sing VBS Meeting 3:30– 4:30 p.m.	31					

Highlands Highlights

Counters For March

Kathy Hasty/ Donna Jackson



2025 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME INFO

Spring Forward

March 9, 2025 at 2:00 am

• Clock moves an hour ahead. • Check and replace smoke detector batteries.

Deacon’s Meeting

Sunday, March 9th 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

March Prime Timers (55 & Better)

Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at noon. Lunch will be Pot-Luck. Please bring your favorite dishes to share. Everyone 55 and better is invited to attend.



VBS Meeting

Sunday, March 30 from 3:30– 4:30 p.m.



Easter Egg Hunt Candy Collection during the month of March.

Easter Egg Hunt April 12th

March Children’s Church Volunteers

2nd – Matt, Karen, Rylie
 9th – Coral, Julie, Briana
 16th – Milly, Ryan,
 23rd – Brenda, MJ
 30th – Mark, Ann

MARCH 2025



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