

## Highland's Child Development Center

**This month is our Jesus is Alive Easter**

**Egg-stravaganza!**

**We will have games, activities, and an**

**Easter Egg Hunt with parents and**

**grandparents helping.**

**Let's have fun celebrating Jesus!**



### 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

April 2025



This month's biblical foundation for the church is membership. What does it mean to be a member of a church, and why is it different from being a member of any other institution or organization in the world? We often consider membership as belonging to a select club, where "membership has its privileges." That's not the way the Bible refers to membership. In 1 Corinthians 12:12-27, Paul uses the phrase that we are "members of the body," to describe the individual spiritual connectedness that the church ought to be. Ed Stetzer has said, "Membership is often misunderstood, misapplied or not applied at all. The word "member" in the Bible is more closely related to the medical word "member" than it is to the common cultural term. For example, there are those who may have lost a finger or a toe in an accident. What happened is that they were dismembered. A member of their body was separated from the body. That's a tragic thing. Yet today in Western culture, being separated from the body of believers isn't tragic. It's almost normal. It's almost understood that Christians and churches should be separated. Lone Ranger Christians are common." When you talk to people today about membership, people think about paying dues, secret rituals, or having your name on some invisible roll that nobody ever sees. Paul had a very different picture of membership in a church. To Paul, being a "member" of the church was the same thing as being a vital organ of a living body. Until we understand that, we'll never understand the biblical meaning of membership. The church is a body, not a building. It's an organism, not an organization. In order for organs of the body to fulfill their purpose, they have to be connected to the body. For the body to be healthy, all of the organs must be connected, and they must be functioning. Any vital organ that is detached from the body will not only fail to fulfill its purpose; it will die. The same thing is true for Christians who refuse to become a member of a church. Some people think that having a relationship with Christ "is a personal matter." But that's only half right. While your relationship with Jesus Christ is personal, God never intended it to be private. The church is a body, and every member needs to be connected to the body. The church is a family, and every family member needs to be a functioning member of the family.

So why should you become a member of a church? Understand this: The difference between being a church attender and a church member is commitment. Attenders are spectators; members get involved. Attenders are consumers; members are contributors. The Christian life is more than just a commitment to Christ; it includes a commitment to other Christians.

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You become a Christian by committing yourself to Christ, but you become a church member by committing yourself to the church and to other members of the church. The emphasis of church membership is on what a church member gives to the church, not what the church member can get from the church.

So, where should you belong as a member of a church? There are things you should look for when you decide to become a member of a church. The Word – Is it a church where the Word of God is preached? No matter what else a church does or how well a church does it, you’ll spiritually starve to death apart from the Word of God. The Worship – Is it a church where the worship is uplifting, inspiring, motivating, centered on Jesus Christ, and directed to the praise of God? It needs to be the type of worship that, regardless of style, has substance that feeds your soul. The Witness – Is it a church that understands and believes that the church’s primary mission is the Great Commission? Is it a church that is unashamed of the Gospel and is doing everything it can to bring people into a relationship with Jesus Christ? The Work – Is it a church where you could enthusiastically get involved, putting your spiritual gifts to work in the service of that body because you believe in what that church is trying to do? When you come to that kind of church, that house of God, and fellowship with the people of God, and sing the songs of God, and hear the Word of God, and experience the glory of God, you can’t help but be drawn closer to God, and then your membership will really matter!

Pastor Jim Norman

# April Mission Opportunities

- April 21 - Motlow BCM Meal
- April 27 - FCA Bruce Gifford to Speak
- Every Friday Foodshare Ministry
- Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- Collecting Bottled Water for Ministry Center



## Deacon of the Week

<b>March 29-April 4</b>	<b>Ben Murray</b>
<b>April 5-11</b>	<b>Mike Stringfield</b>
<b>April 12-18</b>	<b>Tommy Griffin</b>
<b>April 19-25</b>	<b>Paco Prince</b>
<b>April 26-May 2</b>	<b>Johnny McBride</b>

### Greeters– April 2025

- April 6– Jimmy/ Kristy**
- April 13– David/ Diane**
- April 20 – Johnny/ Gayle/ Brian**
- April 27 – Linda/ Samantha**

Deacons	Security Partners
<b>Johnny McBride</b>	<b>Scarlett Carpenter</b>
<b>Steve Stone</b>	<b>Ben Howell</b>
<b>Tommy Griffin</b>	<b>Running Projectors</b>
<b>Jason Robison</b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>Paco Prince</b>	<b>Keith Bailey</b>
<b>Jonathan Sipe</b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>Mike Stringfield</b>	<b>Leading Music</b>
<b>Ben Murray</b>	<b>Ken Tatum</b>
<b>Jimmy Gaddis</b>	<b>David Inocencio</b>
<b>Bradley Rogers</b>	<b>Jason Farris</b>
<b>Roger Williams</b>	<b>Linda Miller</b>

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

### Deacon Family Groups 2024-2025

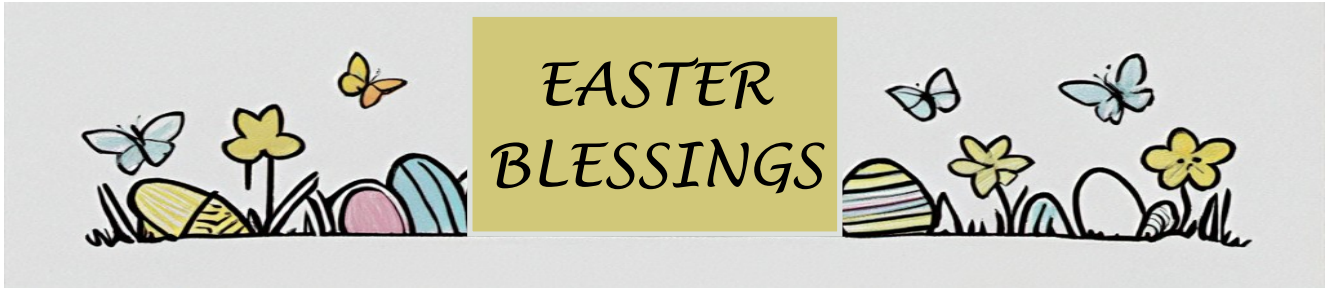


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	<b>MIKE STRINGFIELD</b>	<b>VOLUNTEER MUSIC DIRECTOR</b>





“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing!  
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? Isaiah 43:18-19

# April 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.**

Wednesday April 2: Kim Dodson, Kim Whittemore

Sunday April 6:  
Bible Study: Jennifer Sipe  
Morning Worship: Kim Dodson, Kelly Farris, Kathy Hasty  
Evening Worship: Samantha Norman, Kathy Hasty

Wednesday April 9: Kim Dodson, Carrie Newton

Sunday April 13:  
Bible Study: Liz Bond  
Morning Worship: Kim Dodson, Julie Rogers, Linda Bolinger  
Evening Worship: Terri Stone, Kathy Hasty

Wednesday April 16: Kim Dodson, Kathy Hasty

Sunday April 20: Happy Easter!  
Bible Study: David Inocencio  
Morning Worship: David Inocencio, Kim Dodson, Kathy Hasty

Wednesday April 23: Kim Dodson, Kathy Hasty

Sunday April 27  
Bible Study: Liz and Lauren  
Morning Worship: Kim Dodson, Lauren Fults, Rick Miller  
Evening Worship: Brenda Griffin, Kathy Hasty  
Wednesday April 30: AWANA Celebration!



April 26th is less than a month away for our Car Cruise In fundraiser. Remember, this fundraiser is 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. My bulletin board has a job signup list; please sign up. 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 also print you some! Cruise-in is from 10 am – 2 pm. If you want to help, be there to set up at 9 am.

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. We need VBS Teacher assistants for a few classes. Please see Brittany or me to sign up to help.



Youth Parents, does your child want to earn extra money from April - May? Tullahoma Cal Ripken Baseball League is looking for responsible and hardworking kids to help run the concession stand during games! Games are Mon, Tues, Thurs, & Friday. Two workers will be needed at Cascade & Waggoner every evening from 4 pm - 8 pm, earning \$10/hr. This is a great opportunity for them to gain work experience, develop responsibility, and be part of the season's excitement—all while earning some extra cash. Shifts are flexible, and no prior experience is necessary. If your child is interested, please contact Betsy Smith at (931) 409 - 1892 for more details. Ms. Smith is also on the board for the Cal Ripken and Middle School baseball teams. Don't miss out on this fun and rewarding opportunity! There is also the potential for a portion of the profits to be donated to the HBC Youth Ministry.

Matt Koehler  
Minister of Youth & Education

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Highlands Highlights
<b>Sound Volunteer Schedule– April 2025</b> 4/2/25 & 4/6/25– Ben Howell 4/9/25 & 4/13/25– Ben Murray 4/16/25 & 4/20/25– Andrew Newton 4/23/25 & 4/27/25– Ben Murray 4/30/25 & 5/5/25– Ben Howell		1	2	3	4	5	<b>Counters For April</b> <b>Linda Conner/ Becky Moffat</b>
		Zoey Myers	Ofelia Rodriguez	Bob Foglia	Brian Tate Riley Robison	<b>Women’s Night of Worship– Grace Baptist 5-8 p.m.</b>  Mike Stringfield	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
		<b>Prime Timers Noon</b>  Coral Leonard		Callie Murray		Easter Egg Hunt 1:00 p.m.  Allyson Whittemore Heather Whittemore Ezra Frasch	<b>April Prime Timers (55 &amp; Better)</b> Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at noon. Lunch will be catered from City Sandwich Shop. Please sign up on the main bulletin board by April 4th, so we know how many to expect. Everyone 55 and better is invited to attend.
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
<b>Deacon’s Meeting 4:00 p.m.</b>  Brenda Anderson	Sherry Yates		<b>CDC Easter Eggstravangza</b>  Robert Everett		<b>Good Friday Church office closed</b>  Bill Warren Tyler Frasch		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	<b>9th ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT</b>  April 12 – 1pm-3pm Children’s Easter Egg Hunt Join us for Food, Fun & Games April 20 – 7am Sunrise Service & Breakfast Following April 20 – 10:30am Easter Worship Service  <b>Highland Baptist</b> Tullahoma, TN 931-455-0645 HighlandBaptistChurch.com
 <b>No Evening Services</b> Mark Walter		Greg Snell		Milly Smith	 <b>CRUISING FOR CHRIST 2025</b> 1ST ANNUAL CRUISE-IN Highland Baptist Church	<b>26 Cruise– In 10 a.m.– 2 p.m.</b>	
27	28	29	30				
	Michelle Olson	Jude Murray Morgan Robison					<b>Deacon’s Meeting Sunday, April 13th 2025 at 4:00 p.m.</b>
 <div>APRIL 2025</div> 							<b>April Children’s Church Volunteers</b>  6th – Coral/Karen/Briana 13th – Joanna/Ryan/MJ 20th – Jonathan/Ann/Rylie 27th – Mark/Brenda/Milly



## **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**