

Highlands Highlights



Join the Mission Statement Committee

The session has discussed briefly our current mission statement and decided to convene a Mission Statement Committee with Donald Reinhardt serving as coordinator. Any interested member of the church is invited to participate. The purpose of the Mission Statement Committee is to evaluate Highlands ARP current mission statement and objectives and to maintain, modify or propose a new statement.

A mission statement should answer the question, *"Who are we as a basic biblically-founded Church that remains true to God's inerrant and everlasting Word and how are we fulfilling God's purpose as Highlands ARP?"* Our current Highlands' mission statement is **"We exist to build a family that will glorify God and enjoy him by fostering authentic relationships to express the love of Christ and grow together in our faith."** Is there a way to say this better and more concisely so that each of us can state it to a visitor or friend?

Pastor Mark says in closing each week before the benediction, *"Remember that you are going out into your mission field."* We all have a mission and we should have a clear, concise Mission Statement - one that we can remember and proclaim to all who might come to a little piece of God's Kingdom here at Highlands ARP.

All Highlands' members are encouraged to participate. Interactions will primarily be by text and email with 2 scheduled in-person meetings. We plan to meet for 4-6 weeks then evaluate where we stand. A final report will be sent to the Elders for discussion.

If you are interested in participating please contact Don Reinhardt by text at 770-712-199 or at his email docmicrobe@comcast.net.



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Important Dates this Month

- Oct 2 - Sunday School
Worship & Children's Church
Puppet Show
Congregational Care Meeting
Family Fellowship & Youth
- Oct 4 - Senior Meal Deliveries
- Oct 5 - Bible Study
- Oct 9 - Sunday School
Worship & Children's Church
Diaconate Meeting
- Oct 10 - Soup Nite
- Oct 11 - Senior Meal Deliveries
Ladies' Bible Study
- Oct 16 - Sunday School
Worship & Children's Church
Session Meeting
Family Fellowship & Youth
- Oct 18 - Senior Meal Deliveries
- Oct 19 - Wed Night Dinner &
Bible Study
- Oct 23 - Sunday School
Worship & Children's Church
Family Fellowship & Youth
- Oct 24 - Soup Nite
- Oct 25 - Senior Meal Deliveries
Ladies' Bible Study
- Oct 30 - Sunday School
Worship & Children's Church
Trunk or Treat
- Oct 31 - Halloween

From the Pastor

Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

John 12:20-22 ESV

Building a church can be an exciting and rewarding adventure. Now I'm not talking about the construction of the building itself, but the growing of a congregation. You see, by Biblical definition, the church is comprised of the people of God; those who have given their hearts and lives to Jesus.

But building a church, that is, growing a congregation takes a lot of effort on the part of God's people. Sure, Jesus made it quite clear that he was the One who is in the business of building His church. But he doesn't do it without us. In fact, His plans are based upon the involvement of you and I in bringing people to a knowledge of the Savior.

One of my favorite disciples in the New Testament is Andrew. He is not as well known as Peter, James, and John. However, he was a valuable asset to our Lord's ministry, especially in the way he connected people to Jesus.

You see, Andrew had this thing about bringing people to see and hear Jesus. He was a quiet man of great faith who was always making friends and then getting them into the vicinity of our Lord. He knew that if people could just hear the Lord speak that some of them would stay around. In fact, he was somewhat responsible for getting Peter, James, and John involved in the ministry of our Lord.

Being a Christian is more than just having an assurance that we will one day be in heaven. It also brings the added responsibility of getting others into the vicinity of Jesus so they can hear about the good news of salvation.

Like Andrew, we need to make friends of those who are still unchurched and invite them to come and hear about Jesus. Our Lord will take care of the rest, just as he did when Andrew brought so many to hear the words of our Savior. All we need to do is just get them in the door. Some of them will stick around. So, invite someone to come with you to worship our great God and Savior and we'll watch Jesus build His Church!

Pastor Mark

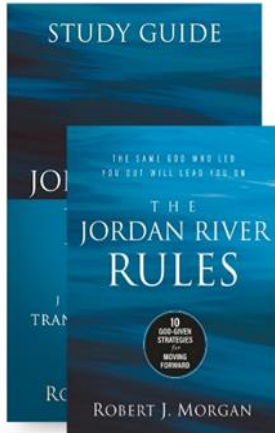


Highlands Women's Ministry

CULTIVATE YOUR JOURNEY WITH CHRIST

Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen!
~ 2 Peter 3:18

Jordan River Rules Fall Bible Study



Please join us on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month as we learn together how to move forward with God.

October 11th Chapter 3 - Step Up to the Moment

Chapter 4 - Find Someone to Help Along the Way

October 25th Chapter 5 - Expect God to Guide You Where You've Never Been Before

See Betsy Whitson if you need the book and study guide - we still have a few copies left!

Paint with Carrie!

Highlands Women's Ministry had an amazing time on Friday, 9-30, being creative and enjoying each other's company. The talented Carrie Macaluso taught us how to paint harvest themed masterpieces.

We want to do this again soon!



2nd Presbytery Women's Ministries Annual Conference ^{AND} Meeting

For All The Nations

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

GREENWOOD ARP CHURCH

The Women's Ministry team of Greenwood ARP hosted the annual meeting for the Second Presbytery. Rachel B., Vickie F., Carrie M., Jane S., and Betsy W. represented Highlands Presbyterian Church. We were joined by former member Carole S. and members of her church in Greer, SC.

The theme was *For All the Nations*, with a focus on missions. The keynote speaker was Jamie P., wife of Alex who is the director of our denominational mission's agency, World Witness. Jamie spoke of her experiences on and off the field. Other speakers included missionaries Trish A., Claudia H., and Elinor G. Laura H., Mark and Bonnie's daughter-in-law and Elinor's sister) shared what's happening right here in our backyard with refugees and we took a bigger look at what's happening in the world, how missionaries navigate wars, oppression, and politics, and where World Witness is seeing big needs and/or big growth.



The ladies of Greenwood Church provided a wonderful lunch of fried chicken, salads, ham roll-ups and desserts. Their hospitality was gracious and we enjoyed renewing friendships. Second Presbytery is considering a combined retreat/annual meeting next year in 2023 at Bonclarken. Stay tuned for details!

Attendees from left to right - Carrie, Vickie, Elinor, Laura, Anna, Betsy, Jane, Rachel and Carole (former member).



YOUNG FAMILIES

MINISTRY

KINGDOM CUBS

COVENANT THEOLOGY FOR COVENANT KIDS

STUDY: LEAD
ME TO ZION

SUNDAYS
4:30PM



Join us for



SUNDAY SCHOOL
and **WORSHIP!**

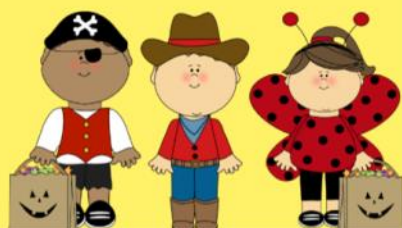
Puppet Show



October 2 during Worship

TRUNK OR TREAT

October 30
4:30 - 5:30pm





OCTOBER **Children's Church**

2	Rachel Bratley
9	Bonnie Hornby
16	Corie Kuykendall
23	Holly Kulp
30	Bonnie Hornby

Trunk or Treat

OCT. 30 4:30-5:30

**DONATE
CANDY**

**HOST A
GAME**



**HOST A
TRUNK**

**INVITE A
FRIEND**



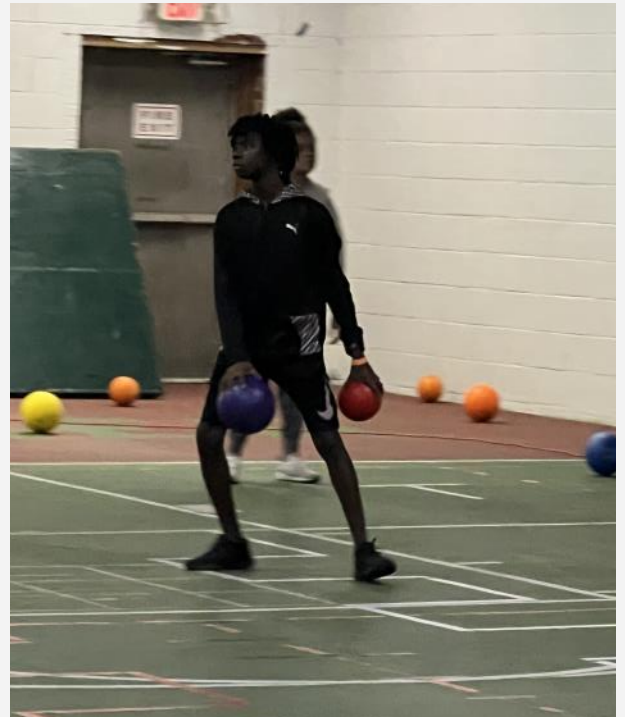
Dear Youth,

September was such a fun month for the youth! We started a new study on Sunday Nights called the thread, where we trace the thread of the gospel throughout the Bible. So far, we have looked at creation, and John 1. We also participated in the High School Retreat at Bonclarken! We took five students and had a wonderful time. The talks, seminars, and family time were a blessing - as we learned more about Christ and shared with one another. We also went into Hendersonville and had a blast at all the shops. The rock museum was a highlight. Special thanks to our chaperones Matt and Allie Dickinson for joining us! In Sunday school we are continuing to study the gospel of Mark and enjoying being in the Word together. Please continue to be in prayer for our youth this school year.

Thank you!
Pastor Chris



2022 BONCLARKEN Youth Retreat



Wednesday Night Bible Study

STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

A new Bible study has begun for those who miss getting together on Wednesday evenings. We will be studying many of the topics in the Gospel of John. Some nights we will have supper together. Come join us for a good time together and a great time in worship and study. We will meet every first and third Wednesday beginning at 7pm.

If you can't make it in person, we can make it possible for you to join us from your home through Zoom. Let Betsy Whitson or Dennis Bennett know as you will need a code for accessing Zoom. We will also have study notes available.

Join Us!

Wednesday, October 19th

On Wednesday, October 19th, before Bible study, we'll gather for a light supper. We'll meet at 6pm to enjoy Chick-Fil-A sandwiches and sides. (An email will go out earlier requesting RSVPs so we'll have enough sandwiches.) We'll finish up by 7pm, in time for the Bible study to start. Everyone is encouraged to attend one or both – for fellowship and God's Word.

2023 Budget Preparation

Preparation for the 2023 budget is underway. If you would like to provide input for this or any ministry team, please contact that team chair (listed on the back of each week's bulletin) before October 25th.

SAVE THE DATE CHRISTMAS DINNER

December 11th at 6:00 pm

Reservations will be strongly encouraged as Eagle's Landing will be catering our dinner.

Pride for Parents TOY DRIVE

Watch for
more info in
November.





Bible Mathematics:

Take the number of pieces of silver Joseph was sold for by his brother, add the number of pieces of silver Judas received as the price of betrayal; subtract the number of pence the Good Samaritan gave to the innkeeper; add the number of Jesus' disciples; add the number of chapters in the tenth New Testament book and the answer will be the number of books in the Bible.

Try it!

Prayer Shawls & Blankets

Are you gifted with the talent of being able to knit or crochet? The Spiritual Health Director at the hospital where I work (Emory Decatur Hospital) has asked if I know anyone who would be willing to make and donate prayer shawls or blankets for the hospital's chaplains to pray over and give out to Palliative Care patients. The chaplains felt this would be a tangible reminder that these patients are not alone in their illness and would provide strength and comfort to many. I thought this might be a nice group or individual project that would also be a community outreach. Typically, prayer shawls are around 20"x60", lap blankets are 50"x70", and there are many free patterns online. If you are interested in helping with this please email me at karen.caughman@gmail.com.

Thanks!
Karen



Family Fellowship
Sundays at 4:30

SUNDAY SCHOOL
SUNDAYS AT 9AM
BIBLE STUDY FOR ALL AGES



GOD IS FAITHFUL.

PSALM 100:5



Hi All,

It was a great month to celebrate our 10th Anniversary! We started out on September 12th, our first Monday of serving, making chicken parmesan over pasta! It looked like a meal from a restaurant. Jane and her team in the kitchen perfected the sauce and browning of the chicken and the whole kitchen smelled like garlic! We served over 200 meals and had to sadly turn guests away. There was a consistent line at the Drive Thru and our servers didn't get a break until we ended at 6pm, an hour early.



Our second Monday was our 10th Anniversary Celebration! We had Chef Hank from Southern Caterers/Lettum Eat! make our menu. He made us 250 chicken melts, tomato basil soup and

chips. Austin Kulp from Special Kneads Bakery and Highlands Church donated 250 vanilla cupcakes! It was a special day and we celebrated with balloons, huge smiles and about 40 friends gathering for a dinner of hamburgers and hot dogs after we served all 250 sandwiches by 6pm. Everyone just enjoyed themselves.



Our seniors also had some great meals this month too. Baked shells, black bean enchiladas, chicken parmesan sandwiches, just to name a few... It has been a steady meal prep for our seniors. We lost two seniors this month to cancer and quite a few are in the hospital dealing with cancer. The CoOp is discontinuing its COVID protocol and once again will meet inside the building for their placing their pantry items orders and doing the interviewing process for financial assistance. This will begin on Oct. 26th. They are unsure yet if the senior program will have its route deliverers go inside their homes. I'll keep you posted. It won't change a lot for us but packing up the containers and insulated bags may change.

What a month! My eyes are full of tears as I write this. It's been a bittersweet month remembering the past 10 years. Jane and I are so grateful for all the volunteers who have helped feed our community, grateful for the support of Highlands, grateful for the partnering of the CoOp and grateful for the guests that come thru the drive thru! We look forward to the next few months and begin our chilly weather meals with autumn chili on October 10th! Thank you, thank you for your continued willingness to serve. God is always good.

In Christ,
Carrie

Soup Nite began over 10 years ago with a passion from God to reach out practically to our community with the love of Christ and with a hot meal to give help and hope to those in need.

Carrie and Jane have been the driving force behind this amazing Community Outreach Ministry. Their compassion and enthusiasm have spurred many others on to action!

Although Soup Nite started out small, it has grown to a huge family to love and pray for! How amazing to see God bless! Here are a few excerpts from Carrie's Soup Nite Newsletter articles over the last 10 years!



(Soup Nite History continued)

2012 ... Our first Soup Nite started out with an incredible team of volunteers! It was an amazing time and many were blessed by it. Many people thanked the Highlands volunteers, and I know it was much needed!

2013 ... A family that came with a newborn also had a small girl who played a guessing game with Sal. He was asking her to guess the title of a story if he gave her the characters. She was very smart and guessed all the nursery rhyme stories and the Disney stories. She didn't know the story of Christmas with Mary and Joseph! Her grandmother said that she won't know that one, because she's Muslim. Wow! Please pray for this family and thank God that He brought her to us!

2014 ... We had another record number of people and there was not a single morsel of food left over! It all went to good use and to hungry stomachs! So many people came in and thanked us over and over for doing this.

2015 ... We are hoping to partner with the Atlanta Community Food Bank! Please pray for this partnership. We hope to use the food from them to serve another night a month. We can also use it to deliver to seniors who are home bound and would like and need food deliveries.

2016 ... Jane and I thank everyone of you for your prayers and continued willingness to serve. Not one of you have ever turned us down when we ask crazy, outrageous requests! All things are possible with God. :)

2017 ... Throughout this past year, we have had all kinds of greens, carrots, and tomatoes for our fresh garden salads from Jane's tireless efforts in the garden. Our Senior Meal Delivery has also been a blessing to those who are immobile and lonely who would have nothing if it weren't for their community helping out. It is always an opportunity to share Christ's love. It is sad that there is so much need in our community. However, when you see the joy of our guests and the comfort that our team brings to them, it is an encouragement to all of us. There is always hope in Christ.

2018 ... We had so much fun last night at Soup Nite! It was a delicious meal to serve and after a slow start, we didn't stop until 7 pm when we ran out of food. I sort of chuckle because God always comes thru for our team. We just hate to waste food or pack it up for another time, and once again, we didn't have to.

2019 ... Soup Night was a fun, exciting evening. I hardly know where to start. Jane and I picked up an order at the Food Bank in the morning and we loaded up the truck with free items from the grocery floor. It was a full truck load and we had many items to give away. Our guest were super excited about all of it. Our kitchen was full of help and we needed it! God blessed us with lots of help, lots of guests, and lots of joy!

2020 ... Our Soup Nite in December I was not present and you served 207 people! The most we have ever had. Last year we served just shy of 4,000 meals! WOW. I have no words. Jane and I have always said, "Well, we can only do what we can do." Somehow, we did more. This little church in Grayson, Georgia did more. We have been so blessed. God has always provided for us and we have learned to trust Him in the good and the not so good.

2021 ... We are done with 2020! What a challenging year and yet it was filled with so many blessings. Jane and I want to thank each and every one who helped serve, prepare food, ran to the Food Bank, donated money and food and for those that prayed for us. It was a time filled with exhaustion and trepidation, but also peace and contentment. God is always good.

2022 ... Our homeless young man from the summer brought new prayer requests our way. We served over 200 people several times in the summer. All great things to ponder on. Yet, we had some losses too. A regular elderly man passed away. Another regular Soup Nite woman had a son who was killed. They were all part of our Soup Nite family and we still mourn their loss. We gave out 3,821 meals for Soup Nite and 880 meals for Senior Meals. It's crazy that our small but mighty team of servants prepared and distributed 4,700 meals in 2021, a pandemic year. So, it has been a year to look back on and praise God for His blessings and tender mercies to us!

Thank God with us for this wonderful ministry! Continue to pray for our community, and those that are struggling! Thank God for Carrie and Jane!

Respectfully submitted, Bonnie





Prayer Items

- Jerita Hunt and her family in the recent loss of her sister, Evelyn Cross. Evelyn's four children were with her when she passed. Pray that God will comfort Jerita and Evelyn's family in their time of grief.
- Kaity Wright will be having a PET scan to determine if her cancer has returned.
- Kristy Summers' mother as she continues her cancer treatments.
- Mary Ashe in her continued cancer treatments.
- Gene Wade who will be having cataract surgery.
- Paul McInnish will be having gall bladder surgery.
- Lyn and Bill Alimena who are recovering from a mild case of COVID.
- Barbara and Ken Fordham as they travel to Arizona and California via Amtrak.
- Others who are travelling.
- Mark and Bonnie's son, John, who is travelling to Kenya on a 10-day medical mission trip.
- Zack Caughman in his job search and Emma Caughman as she starts her final year at school in Dublin, Ireland.
- Pastor Mark & Bonnie as they travel to Pisgah ARP Church the first weekend in October for special services where he will be preaching.

Please send any prayer requests to

highlandarp@gmail.com

Monthly Meetings

Oct. 9th - 11:30am

DIACONATE

Children's Classroom

Oct. 16th - 11:30am

SESSION

Fellowship Hall

Third quarter Contribution Statements will be available the first week of October. Let Betsy know if you have questions.

Highlands

2022 Operating Budget Update

September Gifts & Offerings	\$ 16,110.00
September Expenses	\$ 20,793.71
YTD Income	\$156,980.35
YTD Expenses	\$169,666.66

October 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 9am Sunday School 10am Worship, Children's Church & Puppet Show 11:15am Congregational Care Meeting 4:30pm Family Fellowship Kingdom Cubs & Youth Group	3	4 Senior Meal Deliveries	5 7pm Bible Study	6	7	8
9 9am Sunday School 10am Worship & Children's Church 11:30am Diaconate Mtg	10 4-7pm Soup Nite	11 Senior Meal Deliveries 10am Ladies' Bible Study	12 Happy Birthday Marie Bath	13 Happy Birthday Megan Sinclair Carol Streng	14	15
16 Happy Birthday Rachel McCoy Nancy Smith 9am Sunday School 10am Worship & Children's Church 11:30am Session Mtg 4:30pm Family Fellowship Kingdom Cubs & Youth Group	17	18 Happy Birthday Edward Akins Shirley Bartenfeld Jackie Rice Senior Meal Deliveries	19 6pm Wed Night Dinner 7pm Bible Study	20 Happy Birthday Babila Tata Dob Tata	21	22
23 9am Sunday School 10am Worship & Children's Church 4:30pm Family Fellowship Kingdom Cubs & Youth Group	24 Happy Birthday Hall Badio Lee Ragas 4-7pm Soup Nite	25 Senior Meal Deliveries 10am Ladies' Bible Study	26	27	28 Happy Birthday Thomas Kuykendall	29 Happy Birthday Deron Smith
30 9am Sunday School 10am Worship & Children's Church 4:30pm Trunk or Treat	31 Happy Halloween					



Highlands ARP Church

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Pastor: Mark Hornby
Associate Pastor: Chris McCoy
Music Director: Bonnie Hornby
Secretary: Betsy Whitson

Elders: 2022 Lee Hunt
2022 Don Reinhardt
2023 Charles Roberts
2023 Jim Whitson
2024 Bob Statham
2025 Rob Kuykendall

Deacons:

Class of 2022 Class of 2023

Omar Edmondson Fru Chifen
Phillip Wallace Deron Smith
Betsy Whitson

Class of 2024

Edward Spiller
Gene Wade

Worship Times and Activities

Sunday: 9:00am Sunday School
10:00am Worship
11:30am Deacons' Meeting (2nd Sunday of the month)
11:30am Session Meeting (3rd Sunday of the month)
4:30pm Highlands Family Fellowship

Weekly activities*

Monday: 4-7pm Soup Nite (2nd & 4th Mondays)
Tuesday: 10:00am Ladies' Bible Study (2nd & 4th Tuesdays)
Senior Meal Deliveries
Wednesday: 6:00pm Covered Dish Dinner (3rd Wednesdays)
7:00pm Bible Study (1st & 3rd Wednesdays)

**See calendar for scheduled events or cancellations.*

Ushers for the month:

Team 1 Omar Edmundson, Don Reinhardt, Bob Statham, Phillip Wallace
Team 2 Lee Hunt, Deron Smith, Edward Spiller, Gene Wade
Team 3 Rob Kuykendall, Charles Roberts, Jim Whitson



Please remember to wear your name tags at church each Sunday. They are located in the hallway just past the youth rooms. It helps those of us who need a gentle reminder of each other's names! When leaving after worship, just place your nametag in the clear boxes on the table – someone will return the tags to their rightful location.

Highlands ARP Church

October 2022 Newsletter

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

