

*July & August 2019*

*HIGHLAWN BAPTIST CHURCH  
NEWSLETTER*



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Dear Highlawn,

Since our Wednesday evening study was changed to the current Christian Living format, God has called a lot of powerful truths to our attention. Most of the scriptures we have covered tell us about how we are to lead our lives in such a way that brings glory to God. Recently we have been looking at passages that focus on understanding and developing a closer, more personal, relationship with Him. One passage in particular was written from Paul to a young pastor he was mentoring on the presence and ministry of the Holy Spirit. In 2 Timothy 1:13-14 the Apostle writes: "What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you – guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us." (NIV)

We live in a society that is changing rapidly. Things that were understood to be sacred (from holidays to symbols, to Bible stories, to the days of Sunday and Wednesday) have been either co-opted by secular ideologies or reimaged into something they were never meant to represent. The narrative of the Church has been twisted and made irrelevant by a people who are either uneducated in the things of God or choose instead to ignore His will outright. Because many have not been taught to keep that which God has committed to us, namely His Word, the relevance of the Gospel message has lost much of its value.

I do not think it is a coincidence that we had a fellowship trip to the ARK Encounter in the month of June. When we remember the story of the rainbow, we recall that it was not set in the sky as a symbol of pride or self-determination. A humble man gave a sacrifice of devotion in an act of obedience and a desire to see a new, God fearing humanity rise from the devastation of the flood. The virtues the symbol the rainbow represents should be humility, renewal, grace, and repentance.

One of the reasons we offer our Sunday Evening Service and Wednesday Evening Discipleship Class is so that we can make sure that we hold tightly to the "good deposit" of the Gospel and the elements of leading a Christian life and then confidently pass it on to those that come after us.

# PUZZLE PAGE

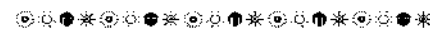


## GOD'S MORNING ROUTINE

Every new day, we wake up to blessings from God.

*Directions: Use the clues to fill in the words. Then write the boxed letters in order below to complete Lamentations 3:22-23, NIV.*

- Brush these daily \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ □
- Do this to your shoes \_ □ \_
- This rises in the east □ \_ \_ \_
- Cold breakfast food □ \_ \_ \_ \_
- Hot breakfast food ☉ \_ \_ □ \_ \_ \_
- Talk to God □ \_ \_ \_ \_
- Morning meal \_ \_ \_ □ \_ \_ \_ □ \_
- Extend your limbs □ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- Fruit drink \_ \_ □ \_ \_
- Waffle machine \_ \_ □ □
- Eat these scrambled or fried \_ \_ \_ □



Because of the LORD's great love ... □ □ □  
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 new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23, NIV

Answer: teeth, lie, sun, cereal, oatmeal, pray, breakfast, stretch, juice, iron, eggs; his compassions

*Senior Adult*  
Adult Ministry Team

**Up Coming Summer Senior Adult Activities:**

**July 11<sup>th</sup>** – Lunch at the Italian Grille,

Putnam Village Shopping Center 11:30 am

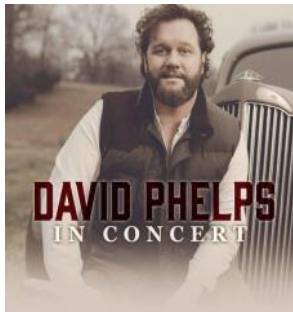
**August 10<sup>th</sup>**—A Country Gospel Sing and Lunch at the

Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre Wytheville, VA

Overcomer movie – looking to go see this movie early September. The filmmakers are the Kendrick brothers, who are filmmakers of the War Room. Information on this movie can be found at this link

<https://www.overcomermovie.com/about>

Please contact the church office if you have any questions.



**David Phelps In Concert**

Saturday July 13th

7:00pm

Maranatha Fellowship Church

For tickets [davidphelps.com](http://davidphelps.com)

Group tickets are also available at a discount rate

***Pastor's Corner continued...***

It is important that we be, for our Brothers and Sisters, a source of grounding in this time of constant change. We need to both anchor ourselves and help to provide a sense of stability and peace our Church. So, I encourage you to meet together, fellowship with each other, pray for each other, teach each other, and above all “love one another.”

Love God – Share His Word – Love Others – Spread the Gospel  
“Know Christ and Make Christ Known”

Yours in Fellowship,  
*Pastor Jason*

**ANNUAL MEETING**

**Worship Conference  
Teays Valley Association  
Annual Meeting**

**Date: August 17, 2019**

**Time 9am-Registration**

**9:15 Worship, Including creative ballet**

**9:45 Panel Discussion**

**10:30 Annual Meeting, Election & Installation of Officers**

**10:45 Workshop**

**Noon-Lunch**

**Panelists & Workshop Leaders**

**Tom Hollinger**

**Monty Foster**

**Michael Young**

**Ellen Walker**

**Workshop answer questions like:**

**How can we make the best use of resources in MY church for meaningful worship?**

**Why worship?**

**How to enjoy/participate/prepare for worship**

**Can you worship with no arms?**





## Discipleship Corner: “Christian Reconciliation”

Since the Fall of Genesis 3, there has been conflict. When we think of the word, we conjure up images of people getting violent or screaming at each other. However, it doesn't have to be that way. At its most basic level, conflict simply means that someone does not share your point of view.

If it is not managed correctly, that tension can result in the break of unity within the family of God. Poor conflict management usually takes the form of avoiding the situation, including a third party into the situation through slander or gossip, or allowing strong emotions to overpower sound judgement.

Jesus taught on conflict between members of the faith and offers this as a pathway to resolution:

Matthew 18:15-17 “If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.”

**The First Step** in restoring fellowship is to avoid the temptations these situations can generate. Most commonly is the temptation to avoid the situation because we think we know how it will turn out. In adhering to this destructive line of reasoning we deny ourselves the peace of a resolution, the other party the opportunity for restoration, and God the opportunity to heal the relationship.

By projecting our own experiences or emotional baggage on the other person, we move into disobedience. We try to imagine or predict the conversation and the other person's reaction without giving them the opportunity to speak for themselves.

Christian obedience dictates that we have faith that God is at work. This is actually a three-sided relationship between yourself, the other person, and God. The Scriptures teaches us that, regardless of the situation, He will cause “all things to work together...” That requires that we give the Holy Spirit the space to work and allow the other person their say. It also requires that we only speak of the situation ONLY to those immediately connected with it. This results in cancers of gossip and backbiting, growing within the body of Christ. It also results in those resorting to such things becoming “more and more ungodly.” (2 Tim. 2:16)



**Highlawn Baptist and Highlawn Presbyterian is teaming up again this year for VBS !**

**Kid's Camp Fun Factory**

Monday-Friday July 15-19th—6:00-8:30 pm

Highlawn **Presbyterian** Church

2501 Washington Ave

Saint Albans, WV

There will be classes for preschool age through Adult  
Tell your neighbors, friends, and family to come out for a great time of bible lessons, crafts, snacks, and fun!  
Helpers are always needed and welcome. If anyone wishes to help, and has not had the Child Protection Training this year, two makeup sessions will be held Saturday 7/6 or Saturday 7/13 from 10:00-11:30 am  
(only need to attend one).

In order to help in VBS you **MUST** have taken this training.



### **A Message from the Finance Team:**

Through May 31<sup>st</sup>, budget income was \$53,733.26 and expenses were \$74,780.64. See any member of the Finance Team if you have questions. As always, thank you for your contributions!

**The Fieldhouse Youth Ministry**  
**July and August 2019**



**YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS**

Join us on the second floor in the youth dept for fellowship, games and a Bible lesson every Sunday and Wednesday night.

Sundays @ 6:00PM

Wednesdays @ 6:30PM

**OPPORTUNITIES TO**



- July 15-19: VBS needs help with games & crafts
- Watch the Highlawn Baptist Facebook Page for more opportunities to serve



**WATCH OUT FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There will be opportunities on Friday nights this summer for the youth to take a trip to the Meadow Bridge Drive In Movies. Trips will depend upon appropriate movie titles being shown week to week. \$7 per person + money for snacks and a chair to sit in.



**Thursday, July 25**

Join The Fieldhouse as we load up and take a day trip to the Columbus Zoo and Zoombezi Bay! Cost is \$50.00. Meet at the Church at 6AM to load up and head out to Columbus!

**END OF THE SUMMER COOKOUT**

Youth and families will be invited to join the Fieldhouse for a Cookout in Leah's front yard Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. We will toast the graduated seniors, eat, and play games to celebrate the end of the summer!

**COOKOUT**



**Discipleship Corner Continued...**



Anger is also a temptation. The only delay we are offered is the time necessary to collect ourselves from our initial anger.

Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold. -Ephesians 4:25-27

Paul tells us that if we give in to the initial anger, we give the enemy a foothold into our souls which results in other sins such as gossip, backbiting, and bearing false witness. When we feel hostile toward another person, we play a little game of chess in our minds where we try to anticipate that person's reaction. We project ourselves onto that person without giving them a chance to speak for themselves. Solomon tells us in Proverbs 15:18 "A hot-tempered person stirs up conflict, but the one who is patient calms a quarrel."

"Be still and know..." As a Christian, we are all called to be His instrument of reconciliation. Our duty is to be confident that God is Who He says He is, be direct with the other person, keep Christian confidence as the Sacred Trust that it's supposed to be, and if something goes wrong, go to the elders of the faith.

**The Second Step** of resolving the disagreement, be it in helping that person in their Christian walk or in ensuring the continuing Christian relationship, is to go straight to that person, lay the situation before them, and try to work it out privately.. Jesus is asking us to avoid the temptation to ignore the problem. Instead, He is insistent that we head straight to the other person and open a dialogue. We are promised that Christ will also be in their midst.

**The Third Step** is to NOT GIVE UP. The relationship of the Christian Family is to precious to discount all means of restoration. Christ is insistent that we find one or two others who have demonstrated a maturity in the faith, (such as one of our deacons) and we ask them to be an impartial mediator, someone that can bring calm and objectivity. If that's still not enough we include another deacon or the pastor (a "discernment team") and we try again. The point Christ is trying to make is that we exhaust every means at our disposal to allow a meaningful restoration through forgiveness and repentance, and we keep it contained to that IMMEDIATE group.

Only then, if the situation results in an irreconcilable dis-fellowship, or if the health and testimony of the church is at stake, do we bring the matter before the congregation as a whole.

## Discipleship Corner Continued...



Paul writes to us in Colossians 3:13-14 "Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity."

If the enemy gets a foothold into our minds, he will use that advantage to continue the work of breaking apart the Family of God. When we try to project ourselves onto the other person, instead of letting God work, it becomes all too easy to give in to the temptation of gossip. We bring others into what should be a private conversation, without God's approval, and we do the enemy's work for him.

Whoever conceals hatred with lying lips and spreads slander is a fool. Sin is not ended by multiplying words, but the prudent hold their tongues. -Proverbs 10:18-19

For those who are caught in the middle of a situation that becomes degraded by gossip, slander, or backbiting, it is our job to be our "brother's and sister's keeper" by putting a stop to the sin. We must first recognize an inappropriate conversation for what it is and put a stop to it. We must also become insistent that the other person become obedient and lead them to a conversation of reconciliation.

And we also need to be the glitch that short circuits that satanic telephone. If someone, who is in close proximity to a person in a position of authority, starts to talk about a situation that does not involve them, we need to have the courage to stop the conversation there. Solomon tells us in Proverbs 20:19 "A gossip betrays a confidence; so avoid anyone who talks too much."

It becomes our duty to remind them of the proper approach and hold that member to the church covenant. The peace of the family of God depends on our faithfulness in this matter.

Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord. -Leviticus 19:18

Sometimes we notice things about our Brothers and Sisters because the Holy Spirit calls our attention to them, and God can use us to call to light things that require correction. It becomes our duty to approach any such situation with Love and God's Truth. If we are at fault, offer an apology, an explanation, and be willing to have a repentant heart should the case be made that we were in the wrong. If we are burdened with bringing attention to a fault, we should do all that we can to ensure confidence, to bring correction with Love, and to offer forgiveness when repentance is offered.








Highlawn has teamed up with the Kroger Community Rewards Program! It's a great way to give to our church. Year after year, local schools, churches and other nonprofit organizations will earn millions of dollars through Kroger Community Rewards. All you have to do is go to [www.krogercommunityrewards.com/](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com/), press **I'm a Customer**, and sign in your account using your email address and password. If you don't have an account, you'll need to create one. Next, designate Highlawn Baptist Church as the organization you wish to sponsor. Then, when you shop at Kroger and swipe your Plus Card, Kroger will automatically send a portion of what you spend to Highlawn each quarter. It's that simple! Should you need help signing up, please call the church office!



The Best of Israel 2020  
With Oberammergau Passion Play  
Hoted by: Richard Sargent  
September 5-18, 2020 (14 Days)  
If you are interested in going on this trip to tour the Holy Land, please contact Pastor Richard Sargent for the details and information. There will be information available at the church office.  
You may contact Pastor Sargent at [doclee50@hotmail.com](mailto:doclee50@hotmail.com)



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