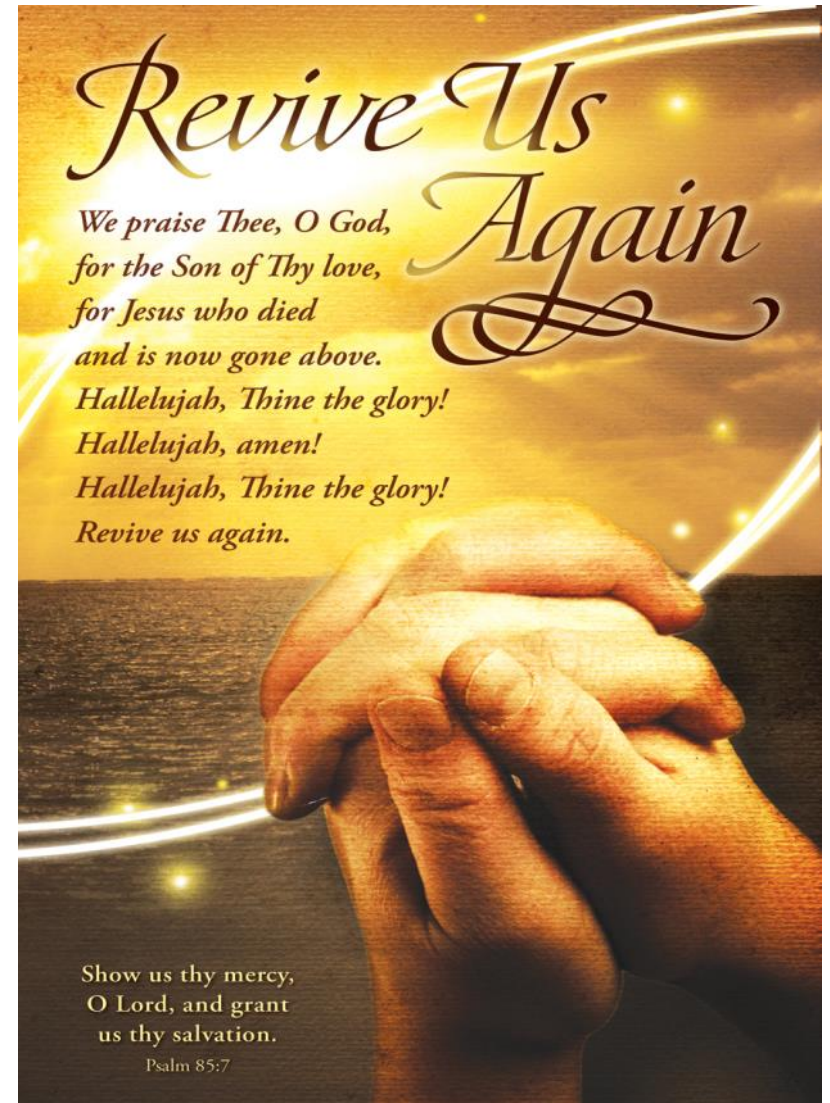


*September and October 2019*

*HIGHLAWN BAPTIST CHURCH  
NEWSLETTER*



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We shall watch over one another in brotherly love, remember each other in prayer, and assist each other in sickness and distress. We shall cultivate Christian sympathy and courtesy of speech. We shall be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, as we remember the teachings of our Savior: to seek reconciliation without delay.  
 -The Covenant of Highlawn Baptist Church

Dear Highlawn,

The Church is not a corporation or a business that seeks to sell or cater to the tastes of others. The Church is not a club with guaranteed membership benefits or the trappings of social status. The Church is not a school where cliques and popularity contests determine success, or academic prowess is the ultimate goal. At its core, the Church is a relationship between fallen people who see Christ in each other and come together for mutual support, accountability, worship, and family.

The Sunday before this letter was written I was alarmed when I started reciting Ephesians 4:3 and there was no response. Granted, when I was in Bible Drill we used the KJV, but the truth is no different. Paul pens a commandment of God to the local churches that part of our mission is "Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." To put it simply, "Remember that you are a family."

For too long we have allowed an un-Christ-like spirit of conformity to invade us. When present, we succumb to the temptation of thinking of someone who doesn't look like us, act like us, or talk like us, as being opposed to us. We strive for that person to conform and wind up looking at what they bring as flaws instead of potential. We hear phrases like "Unless you do \_\_\_\_ you're not really \_\_\_\_." Instead of something like "I've noticed you like to \_\_\_\_ have you ever thought of bringing your gifts to our \_\_\_\_ team?"

Part of the paradox of Church life is the way the Holy Spirit equips each of us differently. The challenges we face in our lives, the tastes we develop growing up, the skills and gifts we perfect through the years, even the traumas we sustain in a fallen world all contribute to ways that we can stand in service to

# PUZZLE PAGE



## From the heart

We all need people who share godly wisdom with us.

*Directions: First, unscramble the bold letters to spell another word for "pal." Write that word in the first empty row. Then move the words under each bold letter to that letter's new column. The result will be Proverbs 27:9, NIV.*

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Answer: FRIEND; Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart, and the pleasantness of a friend springs from their heartfelt advice. Proverbs 27:9, NIV

## Senior Adult Adult Ministry Team

### Up Coming Senior Adult Activities:



**Gaither Christmas Homecoming**-Friday, December 13th @ 7:00pm  
Charleston Coliseum and Convention. Tickets are now on sale so we will need to get tickets soon for those interested in going. There will be a sign up sheet in the foyer. If you have any questions regarding these events, call the church office.



Join us each Sunday evening beginning Sunday September 8th through September 22nd as we continue our Walk Through the Bible with Pastor Jason. Meet in the fellowship hall at 6PM to watch the movie, The Ten Commandments as part of the study series.

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

others. Yet, they also form a very unique individual that the scriptures tells us was "fearfully and wonderfully made..."(Psalm 139). That means the person that doesn't act like us, still bears God's image.

Our heritage as Baptists, centers around 8 "distinctive" doctrines, one of which is "Individual Soul Liberty." Although different, we recognize the fact that we go alone to Christ in humble confession and we enter the waters of baptism of our own free will as an individual. But when we emerge from the tear drenched prayer to the newness of life we see a family waiting for us with arms open wide. We hear the applause and cheerful "AMEN!" as we emerge from the water to see other individuals respond in joy to witnessing that first step of obedience. We come to realize that even though we are individuals, we are far from being alone.

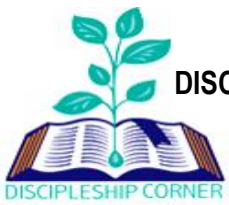
We may all have different gifts. We may all have different tastes. We may all have different styles. We may all have different last names. But we ARE one family under God. realize and hold to the truth that "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." (Ephesians 4:4-6)

Love God – Share His Word – Love Others – Spread the Gospel  
"Know Christ, and Make Christ Known!"

Yours in Fellowship,  
*Pastor Jason*



A Message from the Finance Team: Through July 31<sup>st</sup>, budget income was \$78,668.17 and expenses were \$104,151.63. Our income is down by 3.53% from last year. See any member of the Finance Team if you have questions. As always, thank you for your contributions!



## DISCIPLESHIP CORNER: "THE DISCIPLINE OF GIVING"

### FROM THE SCRIPTURES:

"Bring the best of the firstfruits of your soil to the house of the Lord your God.  
"Do not cook a young goat in its mother's milk. - Exodus 23:19

A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord. - Leviticus 27:30

But you are to seek the place the Lord your God will choose from among all your tribes to put his Name there for his dwelling. To that place you must go; there bring your burnt offerings and sacrifices, your tithes and special gifts, what you have vowed to give and your freewill offerings, and the firstborn of your herds and flocks. - Deuteronomy 12:5-6

Give generously to them and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to. There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I command you to be openhanded toward your fellow Israelites who are poor and needy in your land. - Deuteronomy 15:10-11

No one should appear before the Lord empty-handed: Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the Lord your God has blessed you.  
- Deuteronomy 16:16ff-17

Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you. I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity. All these things I have given willingly and with honest intent. And now I have seen with joy how willingly your people who are here have given to you.  
- 1 Chronicles 29:16-17

Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine. - Proverbs 3:9-10

One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed. - Proverbs 11:24-25



Highlawn will celebrate it's 71st anniversary this year!  
Join us for our Homecoming Service &  
Pot Luck Celebration Dinner!

Highlawn will celebrate 71 years of ministry on September 22nd! Pastor Stephen Dodrill will be here to speak during morning worship! There will be a covered dish dinner following worship so bring a covered dish to share! A sign up sheet is in the lobby with the dish suggestions for the dinner, so please sign up there.  
.Invite your family and friends to celebrate this milestone with Highlawn

### Annual Mission Yard Sale! Saturday, September 21st.

If you have items you would like to donate, we will accept those donations now through September 14th. You may place the items you wish to donate in the gym. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the church office. Please note, no medical equipment, televisions, or computers will be accepted. Clothing should be clean and in good condition.



Our Building and Grounds Ministry Team will be hosting a monthly spaghetti fundraiser the first Wednesday of each month. Wednesday, October 2 will be the next fundraiser dinner. Join us and share this information with your friends and family and our community!

Adult meals \$8  
Children \$5

Meal includes: spaghetti with meat sauce, bread, salad, drink and dessert.





Our Fall Festival is scheduled for Saturday October 12th!  
More information coming soon!! Volunteers will be needed!



Financial Peace University: Mondays @ 7pm in the parlor starting October 28th, 2019. The class runs 9 weeks. Please call the church office if interested or visit the website <https://www.fpu.com/1094989>



Sunday September 8th!

The 154th

*Annual Meeting*  
of the West Virginia Baptist Convention

**Friday, October 18 -  
Saturday, October 19, 2019**  
Alderson Broaddus University

"to equip His people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ." Ephesians 4:12-13



School has started up again and we are in tremendous need of snacks for the snack bags which we give out to our area schools children. At this point we are in need of everything on our suggestion list. Please bring donations such as crackers, fruit & pudding cups, juice boxes, fruit snacks, and granola bars to help us. There will be a box set up in the foyer so you can place your donations stock up!!!

### Discipleship Corner Continued...



"If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noon-day. - Isaiah 58:9-10

"Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me. "But you ask, 'How are we robbing you?' "In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse —your whole nation—because you are robbing me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not drop their fruit before it is ripe, " says the Lord Almighty. - Malachi 3:8-11

**"Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."** - Luke 12:32-34

In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: **'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'** - Acts 20:35

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. - 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

### APPLICATION:

Generously giving to God through the Church is well documented in scripture. It is found as early as the title of Abraham in Genesis 14 and stretches to the collection for the Jerusalem famine in 2 Corinthians 9. But this is not just an outflow of compassion. It is a Spiritual Discipline, a way of worshipping God through obedience.

## Discipleship Corner Continued...



The worship of God through the giving of tithes and offerings is not a business transaction between you and the church or its staff. Both "Tithing" (the prescribed Spiritual obligation of the first ten percent of income) and "Offering" (an extra amount determined individually for the purpose of expressing thanksgiving and fellowship with God) are both core practices of the Christian life. The

collection we take here at Highlawn goes toward the running of the Church, the giving of relief to St. Albans residence and Local Charities (Jericho House, Twin Cities Shelter, Jubilee Emergency Assistance Fund, Christ's Kitchen, etc...), the Missionary and Disaster Relief efforts of the West Virginia Baptist Convention, as well as Educational and Fellowship Opportunities for our members.

The scriptures remind us, we "do not own ourselves" nor do not own our property. A Christian in obedience and a right relationship with God is centered on Kingdom thinking. Paul reminds us in 1 Cor. 6:19-20 that we are "bought with a price." We are a fallen person, now redeemed, who heeds to the understanding that they are stewards and not owners of their earthly possessions. (Psalm 24:1)

Our Spiritual obligation is in being a servant who learns the art of joyfully relinquishing the first-fruits of their labors and not that which was left over. Part of the wisdom of setting aside the tithe before the rest of our budget is that it tends to help everything else fall into place. This practice also shows faith in God's provision as well as the primacy that we should give to Him as the ultimate focus of a Christian Life.

A monetary tithe is also just one component of this practice. As a Church, the disciple of "giving" also means living up to our covenant by supporting the ministry of the local body of believers by dedicating our time, efforts, resources, and Spiritual gifts to the work of the Kingdom. Participation in ministry is another act of willing obedience in offering mercy and compassion to those we are called to serve. A tithe of time in service as a teacher, as a hospitality provider, as a worshipper, as a trustee, as a deacon, as a visitation worker, as a pastor, as a choir member; all these are examples of a grateful brother or sister in Christ who gives freely of themselves in praise and adoration and thanksgiving:



## Sunday Night Update!

September 8th, 15th, and 22nd!  
Join us in the fellowship hall for part of the Sunday Night Bible Series  
Walk Through the Bible With Pastor Jason and the movie  
The Ten Commandments!



## St. Albans 30th Annual RACE AGAINST HUNGER

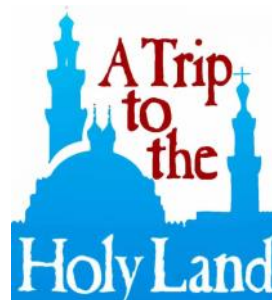
5K RUN / Dott Finn 2 Mile Pledge WALK

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 @ 9AM  
St. Albans Loop, B Street

[www.aptiming.com/race/879](http://www.aptiming.com/race/879)



**Women's Gathering:**  
September 24th, 2019 @ 7pm in the parlor  
October 22nd, 2019 @ 7pm in the parlor



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)



### ***Discipleship Corner Continued...***

We shall promote the prosperity and spirituality of this Church and sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines. We shall contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry and expenses of this Church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations. - Covenant of Highlawn Baptist Church.

The motivation behind such generosity should also be guarded. Simply stated we give because we are convicted by the difference God has made in our lives and earnestly desire for Him to make a difference in the lives of others as well.

If you love God, you show that love through obedience. God is the primary focus of a Christian Life and accepts no substitutions for His rightful place. All other concerns, no matter how pressing they may seem, fall into place after we put Him in the preeminent position that He alone deserves. Notice the challenge Malachi brings to us from the voice of God: "Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it."(Malachi 3:10).

God knows the condition of our lives and the pressures we feel in meeting our earthly obligations. He also requires us to be faithful in our obligations to Him. This is the only place in scripture (that I know of ) where God asks us to "test" Him. Please do not understand this statement to say that your giving will be a "magic formula" that will bring you riches and fortune. But what we can take from this passage is that God is faithful in meeting the needs of His children and is trustworthy in rewarding them for their obedience.



After Saint Albans Home Games  
@ First Baptist Church of Saint Albans  
9:00 pm  
Refreshments, games, and fellowship  
August 30th  
September 6th  
October 11th



**When:** September 13-14, 2019




**Where:** West Virginia Baptist Camp at Cowen (276 Baptist Camp Road, Cowen, WV 26206)

**Who:** Students grades 6-12

**Come back to camp on September 13-14, 2019 for Fall Rally! This event is a great opportunity to reunite with friends from camp and to participate in times of worship, teaching and fun activities! During the event, we will hear from speaker Von Edwards and worship will be led by MSC (Mountain State Collective).**

# September 2019



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