

*November and December 2019*

*HIGHLAWN BAPTIST CHURCH  
NEWSLETTER*

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*Matthew 1:21*

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# PUZZLE PAGE

Dear Highlawn,

By now you have probably seen the television and internet ads trying to get everyone "ready for the holidays." The rush to put Christmas Trees on display now stretches as early as September. The culture we live in seems to be built out of a desire to make us feel as though, unless we take advantage of something RIGHT NOW, we will be missing out. But the opportunities that we need to really take advantage of are seldom the ones we see advertised on the screen.

The Bible has two striking examples of being so caught up in working for a goal that we miss out on the reason behind that goal. Martha bustled about her kitchen trying to make Jesus feel at home, yet was so caught up in the work that she missed out on actually spending time with Him. In Revelation when Jesus dictates a letter to the church at Ephesus, He acknowledges their work and yet rebukes them because they "have abandoned the love (they) had at first." (2:4) In simpler language, they were so invested in the business of the Kingdom they did not have enough time for the King.

It is too often an occurrence, in our commercialized age, that we place so much value in material possessions (the right food and the perfect gifts) we work ourselves into a frenzy and forget about the very people we are trying to love. We give ourselves to our work and to our shopping while leaving only our exhaustion to give to our families at home and at the church.

Being in service to others and showing hospitality to our loved ones is a matter of balance. We want to do and to give our best, but too often all our kids, our neighbors, and our church family wants is us. I encourage all of you to budget your calendars as you would your checkbooks and save time for your families at home and at church.

## CHRISTMAS WORD SCRAMBLE

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## Senior Adult Adult Ministry Team

### Up Coming Senior Adult Activities!!!!

#### Senior Adult Activity

**Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>** - Luncheon at Hillbilly Hotdog,

All attending this outing will be meeting at the church at 11:30 am.



### **Gaither Christmas Homecoming**

**Friday, December 13th @ 7:00pm**

**Charleston Coliseum and Convention.**

Tickets are now on sale NOW!!! If you have any questions regarding these events, see Barbara Jarrell.



**Hanging of the Greens**  
**Join us as we decorate the church**  
**for the**  
**Joyful Christmas Season**  
**Sunday December 1st**  
**6:00 PM**

Bring your whole self into the dining room and the sanctuary and not just the leftovers. Use the opportunities of this season to tell the people you care about how much you appreciate them and are grateful to have them in your life. These people are a true gift of God to each of us. Too often, when we come to this time of year, many of our brothers and sisters of the faith see the lights, hear the carols, witness the traditions that they grew up with, and yet feel as though they are all alone.

If this season is anything to us, it is a reminder to take care of the people who love us and share with them our appreciation of the way God has used them to make a positive difference in our lives. So, I challenge you to begin with the feast of Thanksgiving and save enough time for yourself to let your family, your neighbors, and your brothers and sisters in Christ know that they are loved.

Yours in Fellowship,

Jason



**Update from the Finance and Operations Team:** For the period ending September 30th, we have collected \$111,871.74 in offerings and our budget expenses are \$135,286.15. As always, thank you for your contributions!





Join us  
Wednesday December 18th  
for Cocoa and Carols  
beginning at 6PM



## Weimer Christmas Party

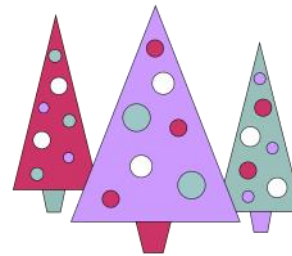
December 13th @ 12:30

At Weimer Elementary School

Anyone who can help with the party is greatly appreciated. Gifts of \$5.00 each would be a blessing for each of the 144 students that attend Weimer. We also need items for student hygiene bags that we will distribute to all our area schools as needed. Contents should include deodorant, soap, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, wash cloths and feminine hygiene products. If you can donate one item or several, these are very needed.



There will be an  
**All Church Business Meeting**  
Sunday December 15th  
immediately after church  
to vote on the Budget and Nominations  
for the 2020 year.



If you would like to contribute to the staff Christmas gifts this year, please mark your payment as "Staff Gift" and place it in the offering plate by December 8th.



Poinsettia's will be placed in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 1st. If you wish to buy one in honor of or in memory of a loved one, an order form will soon be in the weekly bulletin. The cost of each poinsettia will be \$10 each. Please fill out the order form as you wish it to read in the bulletin along with your payment.. You can place the order form and payment in the offering plate. If you have any questions, please call the church office for more information.



Our Building and Grounds Ministry Team will be hosting a monthly spaghetti fundraiser the first Wednesday of each month.

**Wednesday, NOVEMBER 6th @ 4:00-7:00**  
**Wednesday, DECEMBER 4th 4:00-7:00**

Adult meals \$8—Children \$5

Meal includes: spaghetti with meat sauce, bread, salad, drink and dessert. Join us and share this information with your friends and family and our community!



Highlawn will collect Christmas Shoe Boxes for Samaritans Purse. Anyone wanting to participate in this ministry, will be responsible for the entire content of the box as well as the shipping cost of \$9.00. Packed shoeboxes should be delivered to the church no later than November 20th and we will deliver them to the distribution center on that day. Suggested items for the shoebox, are:

- “Wow” item
- Personal Care Items
- School Supplies
- Clothing and Accessories
- Crafts and Activities
- Toys
- A Personal Note

**Please DO NOT INCLUDE:**

Candy, toothpaste, gum, used or damaged items war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks, drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids, lotions medications or vitamins, breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers aerosol cans.

**If you have any questions, please see Nancy House or contact the church office.**

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!!!





*Tuesday  
December 24th @ 7:00*  
**Christmas Eve  
Candle Light Service**

*Join us for a candle light communion  
service and special music by  
Charlton Jordan*



**NOVEMBER 16TH  
DECEMBER 21ST**

**Christmas Basket Food Drive!—REVISED LIST**

As the holiday's quickly approach, we will begin collecting food donations for Christmas Baskets given to those in need living in our community during the holiday season. We will be accepting your donations of the following items from now until the week before Christmas. Thank you for being part of this very important community outreach Mission that benefits so many people.

- ◆ Green Beans
- ◆ Corn
- ◆ Instant Potatoes
- ◆ Stuffing Mix
- ◆ Soup & Crackers
- ◆ Macaroni and Cheese



- ◆ Jiffy Corn Bread Mix
- ◆ Sugar
- ◆ Cereal
- ◆ Pasta and sauce
- ◆ Peanut Butter and Jelly
- ◆ Pinto Beans

**Special  
Music**



Join us for our  
Sunday Morning Worship Hour,  
on Sunday November 17th  
As Highlawn welcomes back  
Charlton Jordan to sing for us.



**Thanksgiving-Christmas  
Pot Luck Fellowship Meal**

Join us as we gather together to bring in the holiday season  
**Sunday, November 17th** immediately following morning  
worship. Please bring your favorite dish to share with all!  
There is a sign up sheet in the foyer so you can sign up for  
what you will be bringing.





WOMEN'S  
*Christmas Dinner*

**Please Note:** There will be no Women's Gathering Ministry for the month Of November!

The Women's Gathering Ministry will be having their Christmas cover dish dinner Tuesday, December 3rd @ 7:00 pm



The *STARZ* Puppet Team

Join us ...

Sunday December 15th

@6:00 pm

for the

*STARZ* Puppet Show Christmas

presentation.

Bring your friends and family for this fun and exciting show!



**Important Note:**

The youth team is looking for volunteers to lead youth group on Sunday nights at 6:00 pm and Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm. There will be a rotation of volunteers. Please see Emily Fleck or Jeff Brady if you are interested in volunteering with our youth.

**Junior High Convention-** November 22 - 24- Oakwood Baptist Church, Charleston- (grades 6 - 9) - Speaker: Brock Gill/ Worship Leader: Alena Adkins - cost \$40.

**Christmas Puppet Show practice** will be **Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm.** There will not be regular youth group on Wednesday nights until after the puppet show. There will be youth group on Sunday nights at 6:00 pm.



**Youth Christmas Party**  
**December 6th**  
**@ 6:30 pm**  
**the Bowman's home**



**Join us and bring your friends and family as we welcome our friend Betty Reynolds and the Homeland Choir for their annual Christmas Concert here at Highlawn Monday, December 2nd @ 7PM in the sanctuary.**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<p><b>3</b> Time Change</p> <p>9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Morning Worship 6:00 A Walk Through the Bible 6:00 Youth Fellowship</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>6:30 Deacon's Meeting 7:00 Financial Peace University</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>9:30 Building &amp; Grounds 11:30 Senior Adult Ministry Lunch at Hillbilly Hotdogs</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>4:00-7:00 Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser 6:30 Faith Discipleship Class 6:30 Christmas Puppet Show Practice-(Youth participating)</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>9:30 Building &amp; Grounds</p>	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>9:00 Intercessory Prayer</p>
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<p><b>17</b></p> <p>9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Morning Worship Charlton Jordan Sings 12:00 Thanksgiving Dinner 6:00 A Walk Through the Bible 6:00 Youth Fellowship</p> 	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>7:00 Financial Peace University</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>9:30 Building &amp; Grounds</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>6:30 Faith Discipleship Class 6:30 Christmas Puppet Show Practice-(Youth participating) 8:00 Finance Team Meeting</p>  <p>Shoobox Deadline</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>9:30 Building &amp; Grounds</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Jr High Convention</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>9:00 Intercessory Prayer</p> <p>Nov 22nd-24th</p>
<p><b>24</b></p> <p>9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Morning Worship 6:00 A Walk Through the Bible 6:00 Youth Fellowship</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>7:00 Financial Peace University</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>9:30 Building &amp; Grounds</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>6:30 Faith Discipleship Class 6:30 Christmas Puppet Show Practice-(Youth participating)</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>Church office will be closed</p> 	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>Church office will be closed</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>9:00 Intercessory Prayer</p>



2nd-Lisa Ferrell

8th Barbara Miles

11th JR House

12th Rilynn House

20th Kayla Scott

21st Dorcas McWhorter

22nd Abigail Perkins

25th Jeb Brady



# DECEMBER 2019



1st Sharon Layne

3rd Hannah Allen









3rd Mark Drake

5th Emily Fleck

7th Jay Miles

17th Patrick Knight

21st Will Byus

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Morning Worship 6:00 A Walk Through the Bible- Hanging of the Greens 6:00 Youth Fellowship 	7:00 Homeland Choir Christmas Choir 7:00 Financial Peace University 	9:30 Building & Grounds 7:00 Women's Gathering Christmas Covered Dish Dinner 	4:00-7:00 Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser 6:30 Faith Discipleship Class 6:30 Christmas Puppet Show Practice-(Youth participating)	9:30 Building & Grounds	6:30 Youth Group Christmas Party @ the Bowman's home 	9:00 Intercessory Prayer
8	9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Morning Worship 4:30 Leadership Team Meeting 6:00 A Walk Through the Bible 6:00 Youth Fellowship	7:00 Financial Peace University	9:30 Building & Grounds	11 6:30 Faith Discipleship Class 6:30 Christmas Puppet Show Practice-(Youth participating)	12 9:30 Building & Grounds	13 12:30 Weimer Christmas Party @ Weimer Elementary School 7:30 Gaither Christmas Concert	14 9:00 Intercessory Prayer
15	9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Morning Worship Election and Budget Meeting 6:00 Christmas Puppet Show 6:00 Youth Fellowship	16 7:00 Financial Peace University	17 9:30 Building & Grounds	18 6:30 Christmas Caroling 	19 9:30 Building & Grounds	20 9:00 Intercessory Prayer 10:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast 	21 9:00 Intercessory Prayer
22	9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Morning Worship 6:00 A Walk Through the Bible 6:00 Youth Fellowship	23 7:00 Financial Peace University (last class)	24 7:00 Christmas Eve Service 	25 No evening ministries 	26 9:30 Building & Grounds	27 9:00 Intercessory Prayer	28 9:00 Intercessory Prayer
29	9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Morning Worship 6:00 A Walk Through the Bible 6:00 Youth Fellowship	30 Church Office Closed New Years Eve	31 Church Office Closed New Years Eve			